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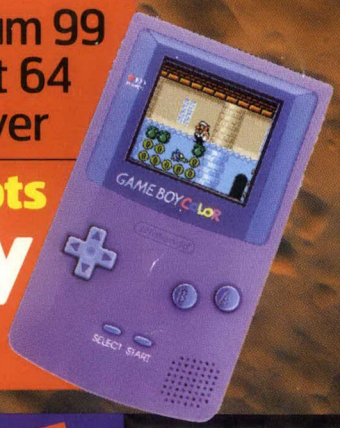

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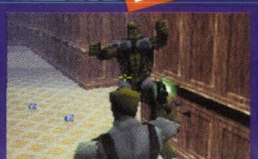

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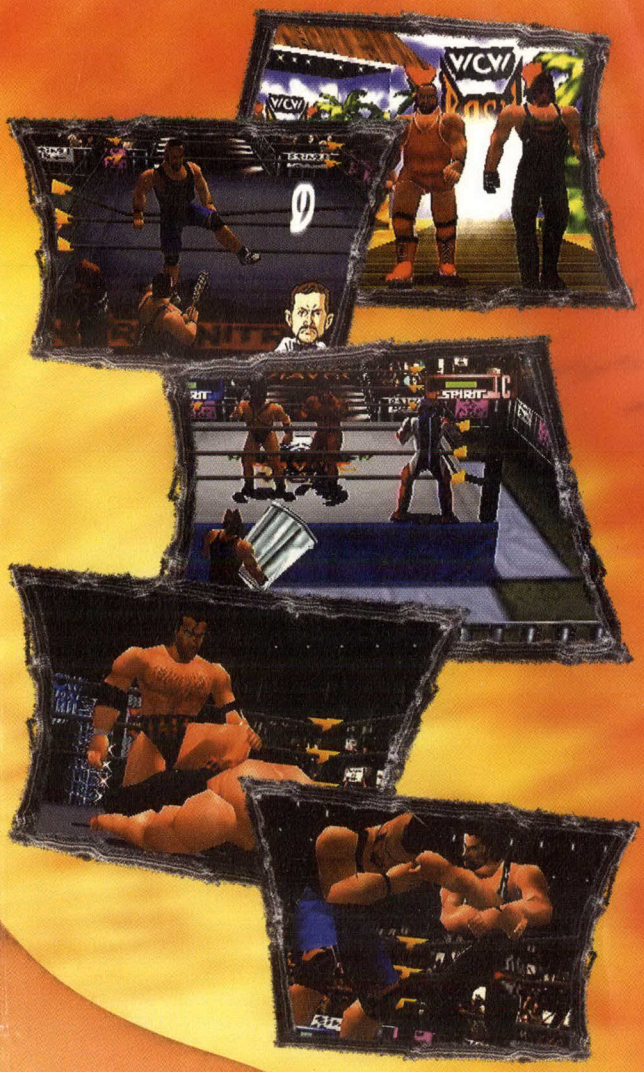

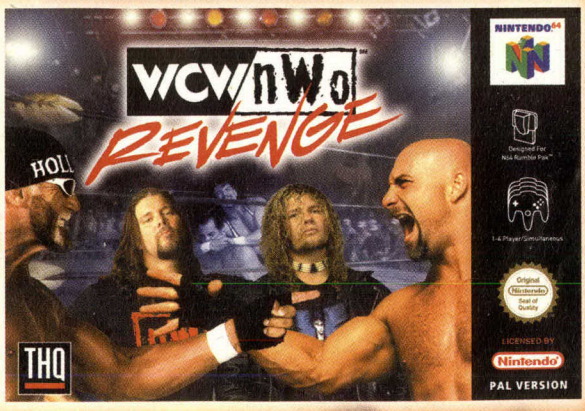
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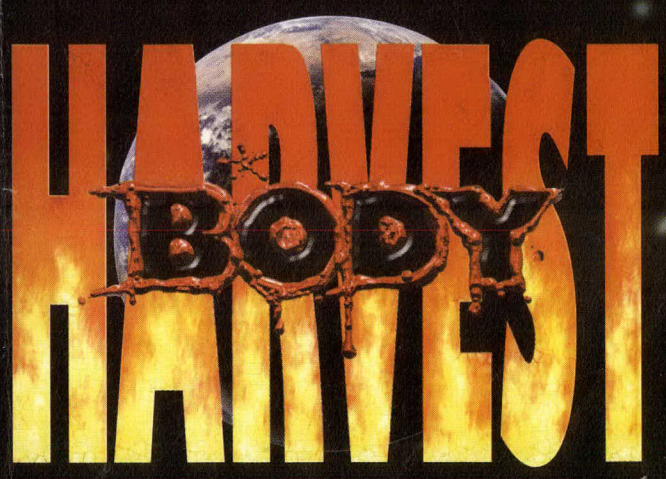

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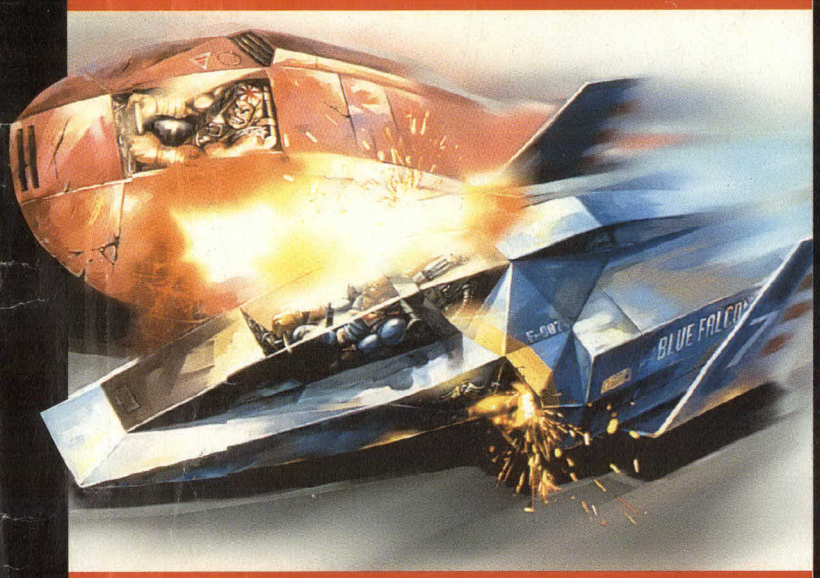

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Castlevan

Nintendo classics are returning thick 'n' fast, and another belter is just around the corner. Castlevania will chill your blood.

Game Info

By: **Konami**
Type: **3D Adventure**
Release: **Summer 1999**

▲ Blow the skeletons back to the dust they came from with yer wiley, witchy magic spells.

Dark and mysterious

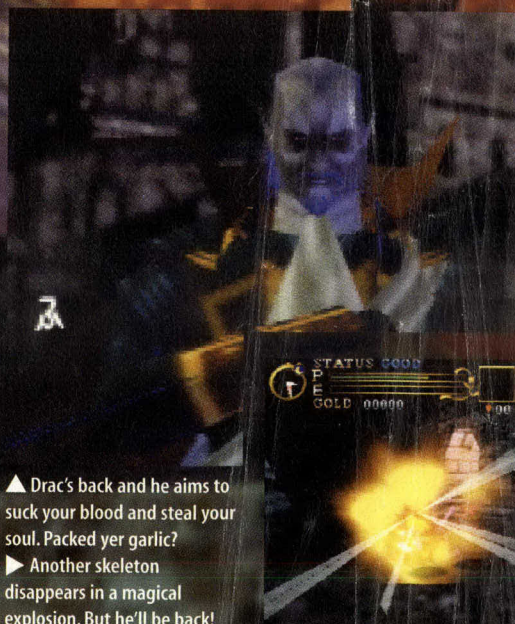
Castlevania is shaping up to be one of the creepiest games ever.

Dracula's back with his twilight terrors and he's stalking the planet once again in search of fresh blood. Castlevania's full of suspense, and you never know what's gonna happen next. The gameplay also changes depending on whether it's day or night.

It's still very early days, but Castlevania's already lookin' ace. Check it out…

▲ The camera sweeps across creepy Castlevania.

▲ A blood red moon rises spookily above the castle.



▲ Drac's back and he aims to suck your blood and steal your soul. Packed yer garlic?
▶ Another skeleton disappears in a magical explosion. But he'll be back!

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The vampire hunting heroes

Castlevania allows you to choose from two characters. Both warriors have special abilities and a unique weapon. Okay, let's meet the fearless vampire slayers...

Schneider Belmont

He's a quality all rounder. He's quick, strong and a great shot with his trusty whip.

He also wields a sword which is perfect for close up combat, when Dracula's henchmen are right on his tail.

Carrie Eastfield

Although Carrie's only 12, she'll still prove more than a match for anyone.

She's much weaker than Schneider, but her magic spells are incredibly powerful. She may be small, but she packs a punch.

In the forest

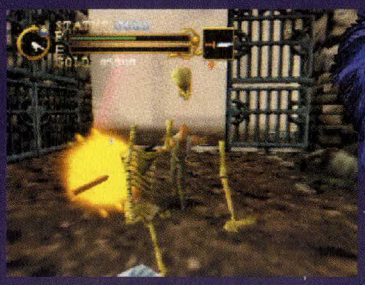
Your opening task is to gain access to the castle, which is when your adventure really begins.

However, the forest is still a very frustrating place to visit, as it's full of Dracula's soul searchers. You must work out the route to the front door, which can take some time as the paths split.

There are also several levers to find and activate which allow you to access the next section.

And boy, you've a long way to go before you get inside the castle gates.

▶ Carrie enters the forest area. All's quiet for now...



▲ Soon as you enter, skeletons come atcha.

▲ Look out for the bats!

▲ Suddenly a skeleton rises from out of the earth and runs at Carrie.

▶ But it's not only skeletons she's got to worry about. Bats'll drain her blood.

▶ Castlevania's chock full of beasties and ghoulies, like this scary, hairy wolfman.

Horror movie

Every time you complete an important section, the game pauses and switches to a movie. But unlike rubbish GreyStation clips, these continue to use actual game graphics.

Pay attention 'cos the next part of the plot is about to be revealed. Ignore it, and you might get stuck when you return to the action.

▲ Through the gates, the action cuts.

▲ What's goin' on? The skeleton awakes.

▲ The undead beast stumbles to its feet. Get ready for your first battle.

First battle

Although they're hardly gonna break yer bones, the opening encounters with the skeletons happen loads. They'll come atcha again and again.

If you're not on the ball, you'll lose vital health which'll be needed later on. Usually one good strike down the middle of the head is enough to put 'em to rest, but occasionally that's not the case.

Further down the path, you'll meet kamikaze skeletons. These are blue and each one has a bomb attached to its skull. It'll run towards you and blow up after a few seconds on the chase.

▲ These boney beasties go down easy.

▲ One slash with yer blade'll sort 'em.

▲ But the flaming fiends are different.

▲ They'll chase you and self destruct.

▲ The undead will still come at you, even when you've taken their heads off.

▲ Schneider can grapple and pull himself up.

▲ The nightwalkers attack our hero.

▲ Schneider approaches a corpse.

Make the jump

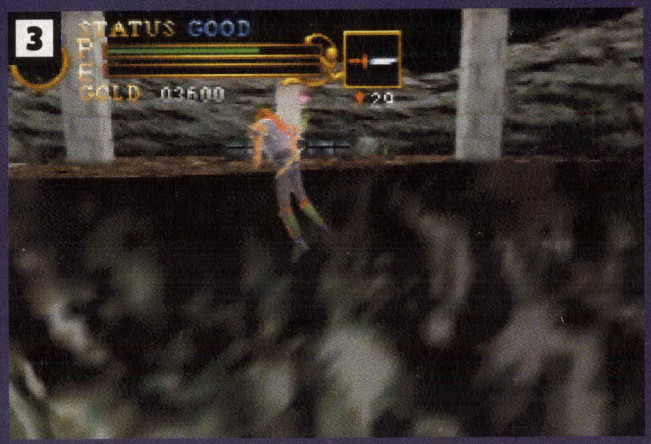
Trying to get across the large chasms isn't as easy as it might appear. And you've gotta make that leap to get on in the game.

Some of the jumps are incredibly long. Perfect timing is needed if you're gonna stay in the game.

If you find yourself clinging on for yer life, you can shuffle from side to side to find the lower ledge. Keeping Ⓐ pressed will pull yourself up.

▲ Go for the jump. Help, I'm falling.

▲ Keep hold of Ⓐ to grab the edge.



▲ That was a close call. Pull yourself to safety and prepare for the next stage.

Learn the basics

Although the basic controls are very easy to pick up, there are a few bits which take a while to master.

The biggest problem is when you need to stop in a hurry. Unlike most games, the hero doesn't instantly grind to a halt. Just like in real life, his pace'll carry him forward a few paces as he skids to a slippery stop.

Normally this is okay, but wait 'til you're about to fall off the cliff. Frustrating or what…? Here's how you control Schneider and Carrie.

L button In head camera view, look around with the D-Pad.

R button Opens doors. Picks up objects.

Z Trigger Slide.

C button Shifts camera.

B button Fire weapon.

A button Jump.

button Second weapon.

button Throws weapon.

Inside Drac's castle

Once inside, your movements are very restricted. In fact, there's usually only one route through.

You'll often be faced with a couple of other options which are blocked or locked. You'll find how to access them later.

Make sure you whip the burning candles 'cos keys can often be found inside. Also look out for levers which reveal your next path.

1

▲ You've gotta make yer way to the top. Perfect timing's needed.

2

▶ Watch for the fire breathing nasties. Duck, whip and move.

3

◀ You made it. Now pull the lever and see what happens.

4

▲ The wall reveals your next path. What are ya waiting for...?

Day and night

Castlevania's been designed to run in real time, which allows the gameplay to alter depending on whether it's day or night.

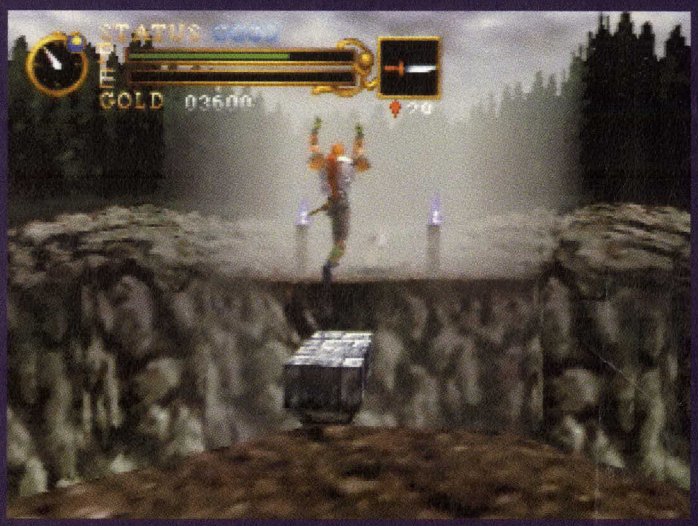
During the daytime, it's no surprise to learn that vampires aren't very common. In fact, if you do come across one, it'll be quite weak unless it's hiding in the shadows.

However, at night it's a whole new ball game as they double in strength. If you see one, you'd better be quick on the draw or it'll be curtains for you.

On the top left of your screen is a clock which spins around to show how fast time is moving. Time really flys when you're playing Castlevania.

▲ The clock on the top left of the screen spins as time moves on.

▶ In the heart of darkness the vampires will be on the prowl. It's witching hour.



▲ You'll make your way through the woods during the day. No vampires about now.

Throwing weapons

You're armed with two weapons, but heroes can use all the help they can get. During your travels you'll find extra ammo which can be launched at the enemy.

You can only carry one at a time, and you'll lose the one you're holding should you pick up a different item. Although they're hardly lethal, these missiles should remove lesser baddies with the minimum of fuss.

Knife

If you search carefully you can find this before you reach the first gate. Small, sharp and pretty vicious.

Star

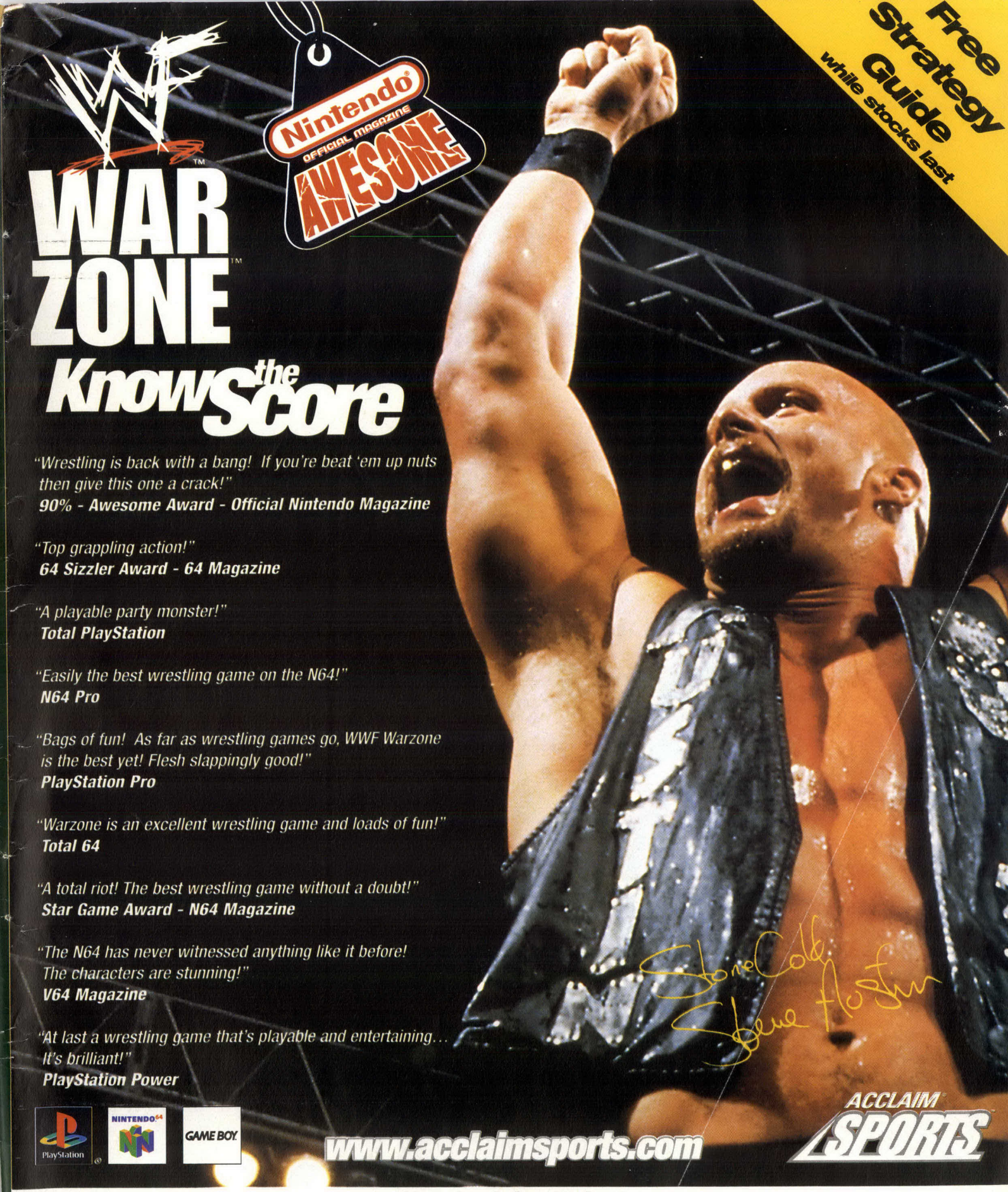
More powerful than the knife, and one of the easiest to find. Two shots are normally enough to see off an attack.

Magic potion

Cast a spell and watch the ghouls disappear. You don't have to be too accurate as the power spreads as it hits.

Axe

This is the most powerful of the lot, although you won't find it too often. Throw one and the enemy's as good as dead.



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Face yer fear

You've reached the top and a strange door greets you. Unlike the others it won't open, even with a key.

Look more closely and you'll see that there's a strange moon symbol in the middle. This means you'll have to wait 'til night before you can enter.

If you found the Time Shifter you can bypass the hours. Otherwise you're gonna have to wait. Have you bought a good book with you?

▲ Kill the bats which attack you at the top of the stairs…

▲ … and you face this door with mysterious runes on it.

▲ Not got the Time Shifter? You're gonna have to wait.

▲ Jump a canyon to this area.

▲ What does this lever do… ?

Looks familiar

It may look like you're back at the start, but the action's about to hot up.

Once again, you've gotta get to the top of the room, but now there are even more pitfalls waiting to cut you in two. Try to avoid this lot…

▲ These bikers are real evil Hell's Angels…

▲ Skeletons on hogs! Take 'em out.

Search and find

By using your trusty whip (or spell if you're playing as Carrie), you're able to reveal cool goodies which come in handy during your adventure.

▲ Red crystals
The most common object found, these increase the total number of your missiles. If you're not in possession of a weapon, find one and return to the crystal.

▲ Health
Grab the huge turkey leg and restore your health. It doesn't automatically top up your strength, so make sure you use it before your meter runs out.

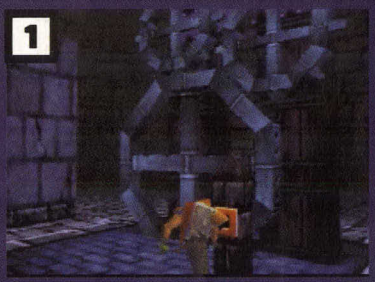
▲ Time shifter
This precious card can save you time. Well, it actually ages you by rolling through the hours. Great if you wanna turn day to night or vice versa.

Top of the tower

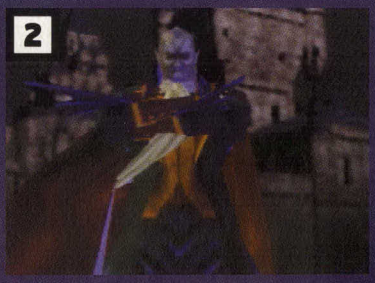
Once again, you reach a dead end, but another lever can be found.

This time the outside world is revealed, but it's far too high to jump. As you approach the edge you get your first real look at Dracula and it ain't pretty.

We don't know what the hell he's on about at the moment, but it ain't helpful.



▶ Flick the lever and the wall opens.



▲ Drac appears, to menace you with threats.

▲ Finally you get a peek at Drac's pad…

Collapsing platforms

Get a move on. The moment you step on the floor, it disintegrates. Jump to the other side, or you'll have to start again.

Guillotine

If you're waiting for the moving platform to return, think twice about standing on the edge. A massive blade could lurk overhead.

Bladed floors

These make the collapsing floors look tame. This time they spin to reveal loadsa spikes. You'll lose half yer strength if one pricks ya.

▲ The kamikaze skeletons chase 'til they explode, so you've gotta get out of their way!

Bigger battles

As you try to leave the castle, you come face to face with a mini boss. Death is the first of Dracula's right hand men to be sent down to battle you, and he's tough as nails.

Thankfully, Schneider's whip allows you to keep yer distance and still get yer shots in. Keep on the move and you'll see off the threat.

Even better, if morning's approaching bide yer time and wait for the sun to come up. He should now be much weaker.

▲ He's almost dead. One more shot'll do it.

▲ You're strong, but you'll never defeat me.

▲ I'll be back. You won't get out alive.

Biggest bosses ever

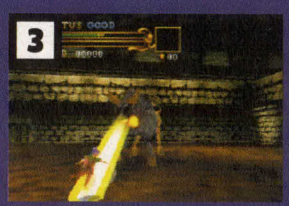
Castlevania promises to feature some of the nastiest bosses ever seen. Only one was available in this version, but if he sets the standard, you're in for a really tough time.

Behimos is a huge horned devil dog with a fearsome flame attack. To beat him, you must strip away each of his three sections.

As he takes a few knocks, his flesh falls from his body until he's left with just his bare bones. Now go in for the kill.

▲ Behimos comes at you.

▲ Strip away his furry flesh.


▲ But beware his fiery dog breath.

▲ Get a few good shots in and he'll soon be wimpering.

▲ Another well aimed shot'll put this bad dog down.

In the courtyard

Phew, that was a close call. You leave the castle's grounds, but there's still no let up in the monster attacks.

Immediately, the next wave of Dracula's cronies are upon you and they're gettin' tougher by the minute. A group of three headed dogs pounce and each one packs a mean bite.

Beat these and the next series breathe fire. And just think, you're nowhere near the end of the game.

▲ The scene is set in an eerie courtyard.

▲ From out of nowhere spring three hellhounds.

▲ They surround you and breathe their fiery breath.

▲ Use your whip to keep 'em at bay. Throwing daggers works well too.

▲ When you whip em the flesh falls from their gruesome faces.

▲ The hell hounds are gonna make dog meat of you if you don't whip 'em quick.

▲ Schneider begins another part of his adventure.

We think...

Castlevania is still early, but what we've seen so far is excellent. Expect this to follow the likes of Zelda and F-Zero X and become another huge hit. Definitely one to watch in 1999.

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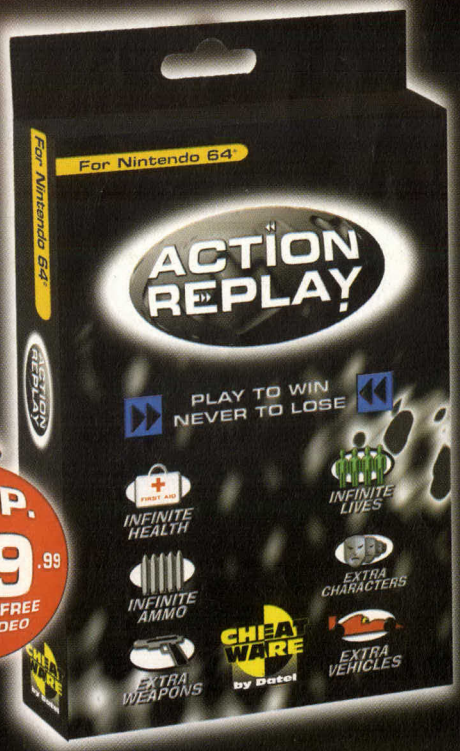

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F-Zero

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The fastest racer yet is about to steam to the front of the pack, and it'll get yer eyes streamin'.

▲ From left to right: Asim, Jon, Usman and Irfan get into this testing lark. They played the best, hear their thoughts.

You have your say Chrimbo special

This month we got some crackin' N64 games for review. But don't just take our word for it. Meet Asim, Usman, Irfan and Jonathan.

They're the four lucky Nintendoids who got to check out not just one great N64 game, but five of the best games out for Christmas!

Look out for these boxes throughout the reviews section to see what they thought of our line up.

Wanna go?

If you and yer mates wanna come down and test a game for us, drop us a line, usual address.

Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER | ~~MULTI-PAK~~ | RUMBLEPAK

Price: **£39.99**
Release: **6 November**

WE SAID "If you thought Extreme G was fast, ya ain't seen nothin' yet."

The need for speed

At last, one of the most amazing 3D racers ever is about to rocket onto yer N64.

If you thought Concorde was fast, just wait 'til ya play this! F-Zero X blasts all other games off the track with some of the most explosive future racing ever.

The aim of the game is simple. Use yer expert driving skills to thrash the pants off every racer in sight. And, with 30 cars on the track at once, it's gonna be tough.

Not only that, but F-Zero X has got some of the most electric multiplayer action to hit the screen.

▲ Up to 30 pilots can smash the track at once.

▲ Soar through the air in F-Zero X. Aim yer nose down!

Quick flick! ▶▶▶ For a review of another high tech racer look at XG 2 on p36

▲ Choose yer pilot, then get behind the wheel of the fastest, most adrenaline fuelled racer to hit the '64.

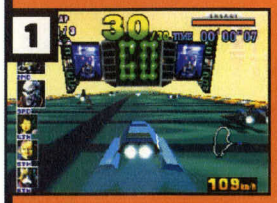
The heat is on

It's the 26th century and F1 is long gone. Supersonic machines are now number one for speed freak thrills.

They rocket round rollercoaster tracks the world over in zero friction ship tournaments.

Break the sound barrier on some of the toughest, most demanding courses ever built for man and machine.

Thirty other racers are going for glory too, so let's show 'em exactly who's the F-Zero boss…



▲ The countdown's over, now go, Go, GO! Slam it!

▲ Make it past the straight, then sweep into tunnels…

▲ … hit the boost and you'll bomb past the other drivers.

▲ You can't beat life in the fast lane! F-Zero am de best!

Days at the races

The F-Zero tournaments let ya take to the track in five different races to test yer nerves of steel.

From the practice mode to the mind blowing four player battle, F-Zero X'll keep speed freaks comin' back for more. Here's what to expect…

▲ GP Race
There are 3 tournaments at start, Jack, Queen and King. Finish 'em for Joker and X cups.

▲ Time attack
Put the pedal to the metal and slam yer zero gravity cruiser to get the fastest time on earth.

▲ Death Race
Use spin 'n' slide attacks to bash the competition 'cos the last man on the track wins.

▲ Vs Battle
This is where the game really comes alive. Up to four players can battle it out.

▲ Practice
One for the beginners. Gives you a chance to get to grips with the tracks 'n' controls.

▶ If your energy hits rock bottom, you'll explode in a huge fireball. It'll be the end of the race for you! Make sure you hit the pits to charge up yer mota!

LOOKS You'll be bowled over by F-Zero X. The tracks maybe a bit bare in places but you won't give a hoot as you rocket round 'em. The machines look super slick too.

SOUNDS The screechin' rock tunes will get yer pulse racing and fit the game perfectly. Air guitar ahoy!

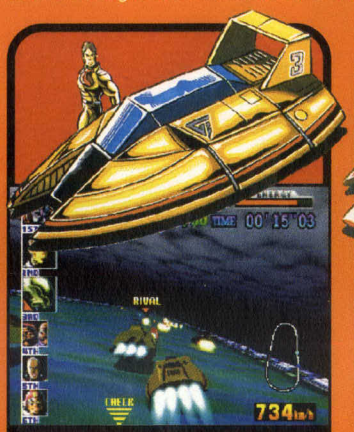
The machines

There are a staggering 30 mean machines to choose from in F-Zero X.

Only six can be selected at the start of the game but, by winning more cups, you'll be able to choose from such beauties as the Mighty Hurricane or the Black Bull.

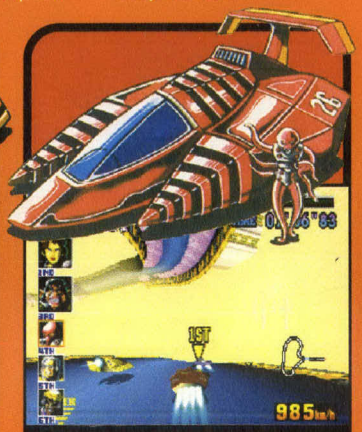
Each has three ratings, body, boost and grip. Each one ranges from A (excellent) to E (poo).

▲ This is the mota select screen. So many to choose…



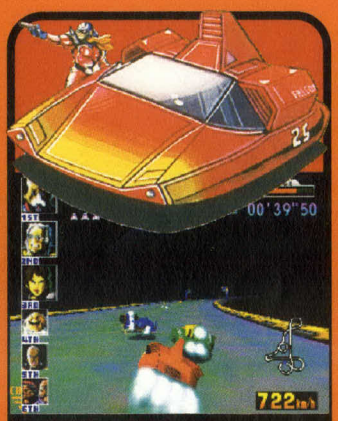
Golden Fox

CLASS 1
Is it tough? As hard as a Tellytubby.
Is it quick off the blocks? Faster'n Michael Owen after a curry!
Can it grip to the track? It slips off the corners too easily.



Deep Claw

CLASS 2
Is it tough? It's a tough cookie.
Is it quick off the blocks? Not as good as the Fox, but got some lick.
Can it grip to the track? Very basic, so watch yer racing line.



Hell Hawk

CLASS 3
Is it tough? Nothin'll shake Hawk.
Is it quick off the blocks? Like lightning, it'll swoop into the lead.
Can it grip to the track? It's got about as much grip as a runny egg.

Mighty Hurricane

CLASS 4
Is it tough? As hard as Mr Muscle.
Is it quick off the blocks? BAM! A super nitro'll blast it into the lead.
Can it grip to the track? It really hugs the track. Ranks with the best.

ONE PLAYER It starts easy but you're gonna have to take yer gaming skills to the max to beat the later levels.

Slammin' the tracks

Every F-Zero track bombs you across jaw droppin' white knuckle rides.

Strap yourself in and hurtle round tubes, through chicanes, round loops and plummet down vertical drops as you fight your way to the front. Check these out...

▲ **Loops**
Forget the 360° in 1080° Snowboarding 'cos F-Zero X has got the biggest 'n' best ever!

▲ **Cylinders**
Race across the outer surface of a cylinder twisting across the sky. Don't boost on corners.

▲ **Chutes**
Every track twists 'n' turns, but watch out for chutes. Hit one and you'll slide over the edge.

Using yer turbos

To become an F-Zero champion you've gotta use yer power boosts to explode past yer opponents.

To give yer engine a mega boost, hit B and you'll slam yer motor down the track. The nitros only work after one lap and you'll use up energy each time you do it, so keep an eye on your meter.

1

▲ Finish second lap and you can use yer boosters.

2

▲ Hit B and your green boost'll light up the track.

3

▲ Second 'n' first place are only just up ahead so get goin'! The arrows show their position.

First tip

It's soooooo fast that you aren't gonna have much time to hang around.

Always keep one eye on yer energy bar. If it gets too low you'll hear an alarm which will get quicker the lower it gets. Find a pit lane fast.

Hit 'em for six

There are two attacks you can use in F-Zero X. If ya just wanna nudge 'em outta yer way then use the side attack by just double tapping Z or R.

If you wanna smack 'em hard with a spin attack, then hit R and double tap Z or slam Z and double tap R.

1

▲ They're coming up on the left. Watch yer line.

2

▲ You'll glow as soon as ya start attacking 'em. Get in there son!

3

▲ Clobber 'em with the side attack and sail past 'em. But keep an eye on your energy bar. Only attack if you've energy to spare.

MULTIPLAYER Pick this up and you won't put it down for ages. With four of you up against each other, F-Zero X gives you speed kicks beyond your wildest dreams.

Black Bull

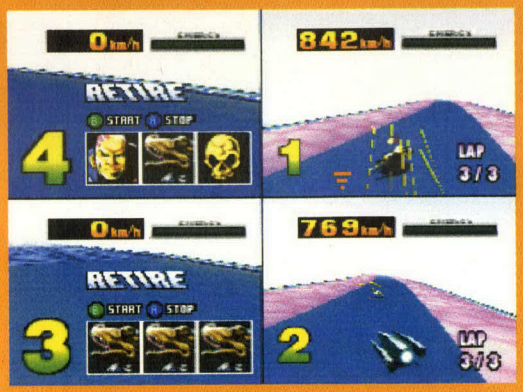
CLASS 5

Is it tough? Hardest in the game.
Is it quick off the blocks? Painfully slow. A ten ton elephant's quicker.
Can it grip to the track? Oh yes, like chewing gum on yer trainers.

Spin the wheel

If you crash out during multiplayer you ain't gonna be a happy bunny, but you can get yer own back.

As soon as ya smash 'n' burn, a fruit machine will appear in the corner of yer screen. What you've gotta do is try and get three of a kind before the race is over. Like this...



▲ Get a driver's picture three times and only their power will fall.

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GAME SCORE

F-Zero X is THE N64 racer. With the fastest tracks 'n' motors you'll ever see, this is the ultimate drive of your life. Start saving now. It's gonna be massive.

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92%

Free

Every track and ship is covered in this month's free Tips book. It's all you'll ever need.

Quick flick! Win a copy of F-Zero X with Blag Fest on p98

Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER | MEMORY PAK | RUMBLE PAK

Price: **£44.99**
Release: **4 December**

NBA Jam 99

NBA Jam is back! The crazy game's returned with a stonking sequel!

WE SAID "With all yer favourite teams and over 300 b'ball stars, NBA Jam 99's gonna rock the court!"

▲ The somersault slam dunk is the best in the game.

LOOKS The graphics are awesome and the animation is superb. It really feels like you're seeing Pippen rip up the court.

Slam Dunkin'

NBA Jam has gone a long time without an N64 release, but now after a very long wait we finally get NBA Jam 99.

This version of an old favourite has kept much of it's mad gameplay and amazing slam dunks. Its mellowed with age though, and has become a bit more realistic.

You can now only jump ten feet into the air instead of thirty. But the slams still kick butt!

▲ The free throws are well cool. Get the ball in the centre and press Ⓐ.

Hoop shootin'

There are some excellent game modes in NBA Jam 99 each as hard as the next.

The main four are NBA Play, Jam mode, Quick play and Skills mode. They're all top b'ball action. Roll 'em out…

NBA Play

This gives you the choice of either Exhibition, Season or Playoff. These are the most realistic.

Jam mode

Jam mode is a one off game like Exhibition but is more like the original game.

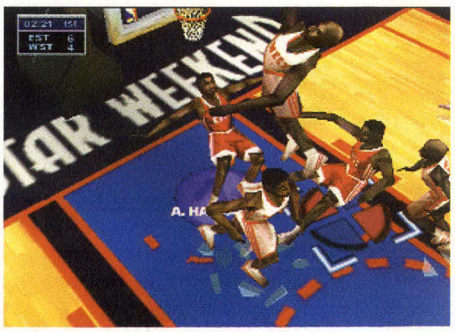
Quick play

Quick play takes you straight to an Exhibition game without having to go through NBA play.

Skills mode

Skills mode gives you the chance to practice and perfect your Free throws and Three pointers.

SOUNDS The sound really lets this game down. There's hardly any variety in the commentary.



▲ NBA Jam 99 is full of frantic b'ball action. You'll pass, move and slam just like real NBA players.

All Stars

NBA Jam 99 has all the great NBA players that we know and love.

Only Michael Jordan wouldn't let the makers use his name in the game.

So Acclaim made R. Guard to play just like him. Here's a run down of the best.

▲ **Scotty Pippen**
Team Bulls
Overall 96
Best At Offence

▲ **Kobe Bryant**
Team Lakers
Overall 85
Best At Shooting

▲ **Shaquille O'Neal**
Team Lakers
Overall 90
Best At Offence

▲ **Dennis Rodman**
Team Bulls
Overall 77
Best At Rebounding

▲ **R. Guard (M.Jordan)**
Team Bulls
Overall 100
Best At Offence

Nintendo Official Magazine Game Score

You can't fail to be impressed by the graphics and animation of **NBA Jam 99**. But it has lost some the fun element of previous games for more realism.

As basketball games go, this is still tops.

89%

IT MAKES THE REST LOOK TAME

It's here! The racing game that makes the others look like a drive in the park. Half animal, half machine these cars are ready to rip the road to shreds. In a no holds barred adrenalin charged speedfest, you can take on 4 players on split screen on the PSX and N64 with multi player mayhem on the PC. Dual Shock Compatibility, staggering 3D graphics and sheer driveability make S.C.A.R.S. a game that will really leave its mark.

4 PLAYER PSX & N64

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WipEout 64

Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER · MEMORY PAK · RUMBLEPAK

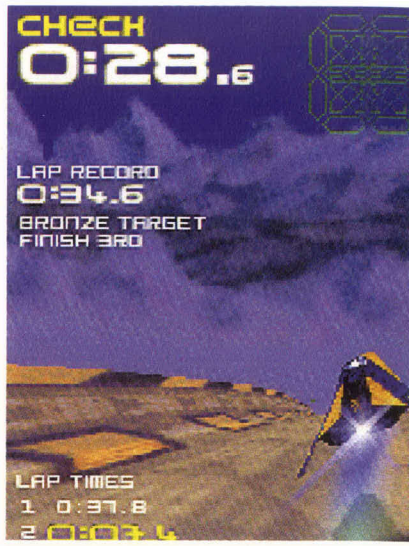
Price: **£44.99**
Release: **27 November**

It's been a long time comin', but WipEout 64's finally hit the grid. Racing fans'll cream at this flyer.

Fast 'n' futuristic

WipEout 64 is a brilliant race into the future. You'll battle it out on loadsa cool tracks and blast your opponents to atoms with some of the most devastating weapons ever.

And if that's not enough, there's even a four player split screen option which is exclusive to yer '64. If you ever questioned the N64's supremacy, you'll have no doubts after playing this. It wipEs the floor with the opposition.



WE SAID "It feels great, thanks to the awesome speed and the control provided by the 3D Stick."

▲ WipEout looks totally awesome.

▲ Don't be too slack on the corners, or you'll lose it and fall down the grid.

◀ You start at the back, so there's places to make up.

Play options

WipEout 64 is set in the year 2097 and features the latest in racing technology.

F5000 Anti-Gravity racers combine hyper speeds with superb handling to create edge of yer seat excitement.

You're given three racing choices. There are the usual Single Race and Time Trial options, and Challenge mode where you've gotta make third or better before you can take on the next circuit.

▲ Choose yer ship, take to the track and get ready for the blast of yer life. Are you ready for WipEout 64?

LOOKS It suffers from some annoying pop up, but still rockets past the old GreyStation version.

Pick yer team

To begin with there are four racing teams competing to create the perfect ship.

There's also another team waiting in the wings with a new hover ship.

But to test the new craft, you'll first have to beat the Challenge mode.

Here are your opening choices…

▲ Feiser
The European team has come up with the perfect beginner's craft. It's slightly slower than the rest, but handles brilliantly.

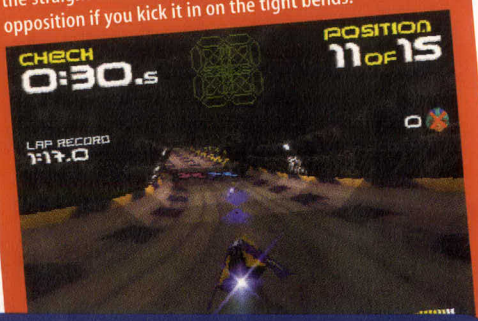
▲ AG Systems
The Japanese went for top acceleration. But they decided against shields, so you'd better be a top driver, or you'll crash 'n' burn.

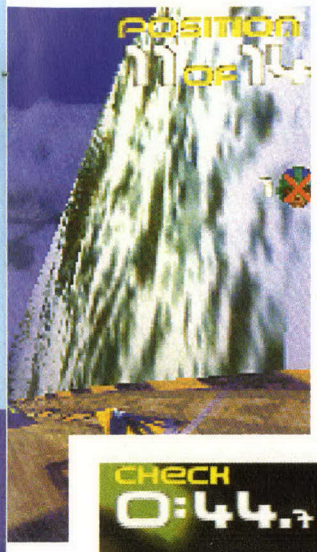
▲ Qirex
The Russian ship is well protected and it's incredibly fast. If only it didn't handle like a complete dog. D'oh!

▲ Auricom Research
Speed rules for the Yanks. If this gets to the front, there'll be no stopping it. It's also pretty sturdy.

First tip

When using Autopilot, make sure you don't waste it on the straight bits of the track. You'll fly past the opposition if you kick it in on the tight bends.





▲ Check out the amazing scenery as you zoom past.
◀ You'll have to find some power ups to get outta 11th.

SOUNDS Cool funky choones from The Propellerheads and Fluke'll have ya tappin' yer feet.

▲ Your ship crashes and burns. You've stacked it once to often. D'oh!

Your say

Jon: (left) The controls are well easy to pick up. The monster machines bomb round the track.

I hated the Greystation version but this slams it off the track!

Asim: (right) WipEout 64's miles better than F-Zero X. The tracks twist and turn into the distance and I love the way you can pick up a weapon and fire it at your mate.

I'll be round my mate's house every night playing this!

Wicked weapons

One of the best aspects of WipEout is its selection of weapons and power ups. There are 15 on offer ranging from the speed boost to the homing missile. Here are NOM's faves...

▲ Electro Bolt
Wait 'til it locks onto a vehicle and fire. It'll scramble its transmission for a few seconds. Cruise past.

▲ Super Weapon
An awesome machine gun which can blow up a vehicle with a single shot. So make sure you don't get in the way of a blast.

▲ Autopilot
The computer'll get you through the tricky section by taking over your controls. Just don't forget to steer after!

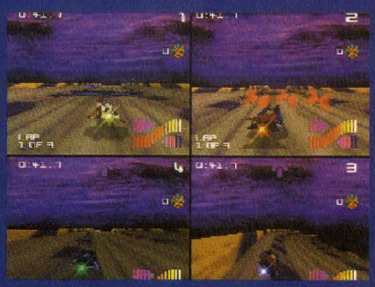
Multiplayer mayhem

For the first time ever, you're able to play multiplayer WipEout without having to link up consoles.

The best choice is the two player mode as you can compete against the computer controlled vehicles.

There's even a four player option which is a touch slower, but still great fun.

▲ Two players split the screen across.



▲ The four player's great, but a bit slower.

Practice to win

Unlike most racing games, you'll have to put in the practice to become familiar with the play controls.

This isn't the sort of game which allows you to simply keep your finger on the accelerator.

Crash into the side and you grind to a halt. Even worse, you'll wear down yer shields.

▲ Keep to the track centre.

▲ If you mash it on the sides...

▲ ... you'll lose vital shields.

▲ And you're wipEd out!

GAME LENGTH The twisting 'n' turning tracks'll cause major headaches for newcomers, and even old timer Nintendoids'll struggle to complete this game in a hurry.

The multiplayer mode is bloomin' excellent and a plays a dream.

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It's been a long time comin', but WipEout 64's definitely worth the wait. The gameplay's really smooth, and some of the weapons are awesome. If you want fast 'n' futuristic fun, grab this'n.

87%

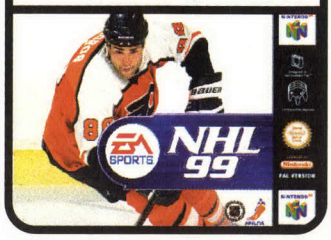
NHL 99

If you're sick of Wayne Gretzky, for an ice cool challenge, chill out with NHL 99.

Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER · MEMORY PAK · RUMBLEPAK

Price: **£39.99**
Release: **Out now**



WE SAID "NHL 99 could slam NHL Breakaway into the sinbin! It rocks."

▲ Body check 'em by hitting Ⓑ.
▶ The Mighty Ducks are on the attack!

Down on the rink

If fast 'n' furious ice hockey action's what you want then lace up yer skates 'cos NHL 99's here!

Shoot, pass 'n' slam yer mates into the boards on yer way to title glory as you take on the NHL's finest, or the world's best International teams.

Not only that but up to four players can pummel each other at once with puck power multiplay!

With exhibition, tournament and playoffs to choose from, NHL 99's gonna send a shiver down your spine.

Let's check out the action…

▲ There are eight camera angles to view the game from in NHL 99.

▲ It's 2-0 to Montreal, they're on fire. But there's still time to turn it around…

Bag a golden goal!

If you wanna be crowned champs, you've gotta learn to burst the net with some wonder strikes.

The simplest way to have a pop at goal is a wrist shot. Just skate towards the net and tap Ⓑ.

If you want more power, then try a slapshot. Just hold down Ⓑ and a power bar will appear. Keep your finger down and let go when it hits the strength you want.

1

▲ Roenick's beaten his marker let's see if he can score…

2

▲ The defence can't catch him, hold down Ⓑ for a meaty shot.

3

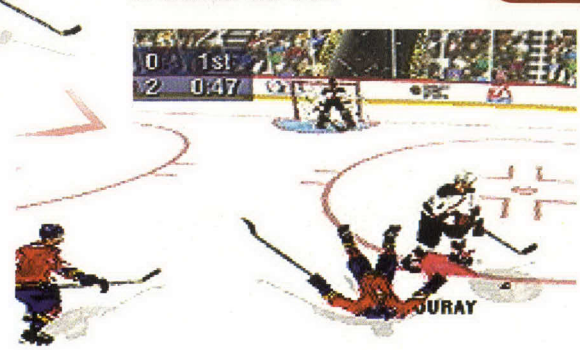
▲ It's there! The keeper can't stop that bullet beauty.

4

▲ Now watch him celebrate with style. 2-1 to the USA.

▲ Nylander's gotta hit it quick or he'll be wiped out. Bring the puck under control.
▶ Watch it, 'cos one too many fouls and your player will be dumped in the sinbin.

LOOKS NHL 99's cool animation makes it look just like you're watching a match on TV!



SOUNDS The puck smashin' effects make it sound like the real thing. But commentary's way over the top.

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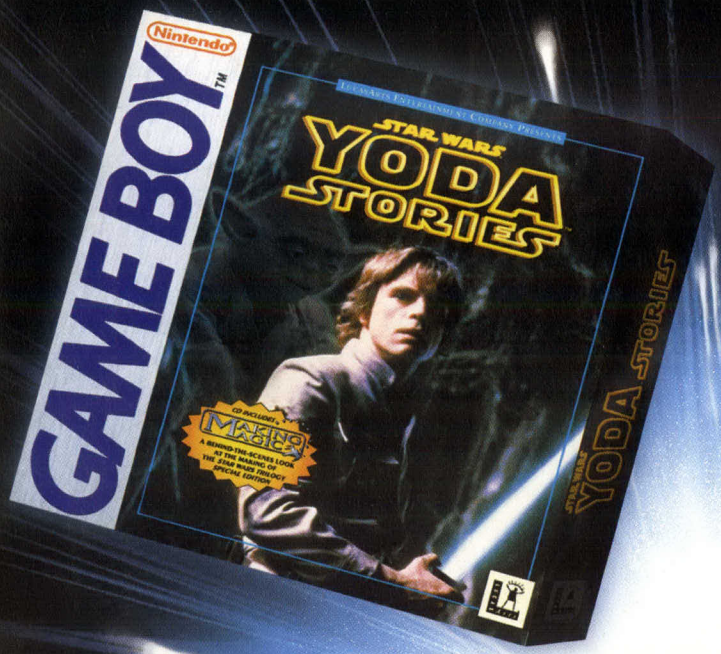
NHL 99's not quite a classic and doesn't manage to match the awesome NHL Breakaway.

But if you're a huge ice hockey fan who's after more riotous rink action then NHL 99's worth checkin' out.

85%

BIG ACTION
FOR YOUR SMALL SCREEN



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Rakuga Kids

Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER · MEMORY PAK · RUMBLE PAK

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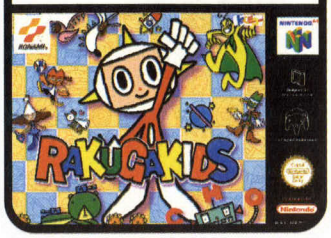
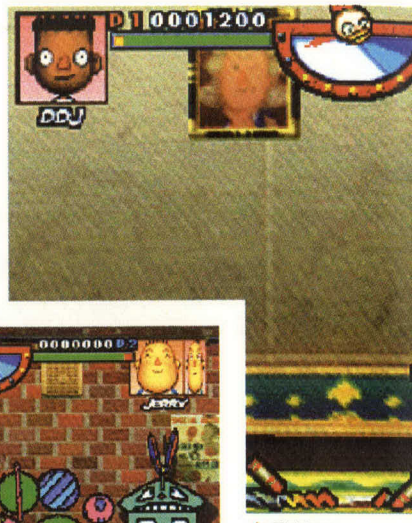
Release: **4 December**



WE SAID "The crazy world of Rakuga Kids is bloomin' brill! It's a great break from bloody fatalities."

If you thought you were too old for crayons 'n' felt tips, think again. The Rakuga Kids are in town!



▲ Clobber 'em round the head with DDJ's sax. He's a well cool musical cat.

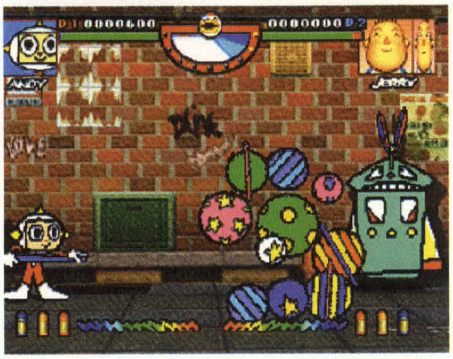
Quick on the draw

Down in Twinkle Town things aren't quite what they seem.

The local kids have found a box of magical crayons and created loadsa cartoon characters using their special powers.

But Val, the local bully, has nicked some of the sticks. He's drawn some nasties that are smashing up the town and you've gotta stop him…

▶ Twinkle Town, where it all kicks off.



▲ Rakuga Kids has got some brilliant special moves.

Krazy kids

Rakuga Kids features seven cartoon fighters. Each toon can punch, kick, throw and jump.

They've even got unique special moves comin' outta their ears! So let's give a warm welcome to the gang…

Marsa

The wicked witch has got some tricks up her sleeve and she isn't afraid to use 'em. She's pretty feeble but her magic's brill.

▲ Marsa can turn 'em into a flower.

Mamezo

This guy'll spook you out! Mamezo bends his elastic body inside out with his impressive moves. One hit though and he's flat out.

▲ The ghoulish ghost can turn into scissors.

Astronot

The space case is outta this world! He's an all round fighter who's quick off the mark.

He'll have 'em seeing stars in no time.

▲ The spaceman'll smash 'em with his flying punch.

Robot

A metal monster who's the hardest fighter of the lot. He's got some awesome attacks and is best when bashing brains close up.

▲ The metal monster can really hurt 'em.

Cat Kit

This cat's got some well cool rhythms.

He might not pack a hard punch but our feline friend moves like a cat on hot bricks.

▲ The cat may be a softy but his spin attack rules.

Cools Roy

This rootin', tootin', shootin' son of a gun is a bit slow but Cools Roy makes up for it with some of the best attacks in the game.

▲ Summon the charging bull, the robot'll be trash.

Beartank

Boy oh boy, can this bear shift a gear or two!

It might be quick to cry but with a tank strapped to its back there's nowhere to hide!

▲ Beartank turns the lion into a submarine.

LOOKS The Kids are the new cartoon stars on yer TV! Brill characters and wacky moves'll have you coming back for more.

Train 'em up

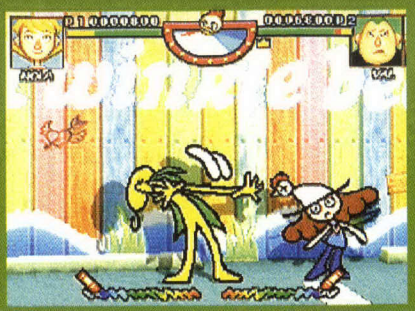
In Training Mode you've gotta teach a character your favourite moves.

It will then learn yer fighting techniques and save 'em onto a Memory Pak.

Then all you've gotta do is choose Battle mode, sit back and watch 'em fight it out by themselves! Cool.

▲ Marsa's aerial bomb attack kicks butt.

▲ One of Marsa's spells is a pumpkin coach.



▲ Marsa pulls her hat string and starts pecking!

SOUNDS We love it! The tunes fit the game perfectly and the speech is ace too. Turn it up loud and get ready to rumble!

▲ Marsa's chicken attack will give 'em a good stuffing. But Astronot's feeling peckish.
◀ Cools Roy can jump onto his horse and kick out. Nice move!

Mega moves!

There are some wicked specials in Rakuga Kids. To get 'em to work, you've gotta build up the magic power level shown by the crayons at the bottom of the screen.

When it hits the end, you'll get a crayon which can be transformed into a magical special. Check out Astronot's Astrojet. It's brill!

▲ Build up yer magic meter and you'll get a colour crayon.

▲ Hit ⬇, ↘, ➡ 'n' R. Abracadabra! Astronot can blast 'em with his ray gun.

▲ Look at DDJ strapped to the rocket! He's clear for take off.

▲ The countdown's begun. 3-2-1! We have lift off of Rocket Rakuga!

▲ DDJ's goin' boldly where no cat has gone before. He's out of this world!

▲ Now safely back on the ground, DDJ's not having any of it!

GAME LENGTH At last, a change to the blood 'n' gore of other fighters like MK 4. Rakuga Kids is easy to pick up and thrash, but older gamers may get bored quickly.

Nintendo OFFICIAL MAGAZINE GAME SCORE

They might be cute 'n' cuddly but Rakuga Kids are mean fighting machines. Everything from the magical moves to the cartoon tunes make this a cool original game. Check it out for something a bit different.

85%

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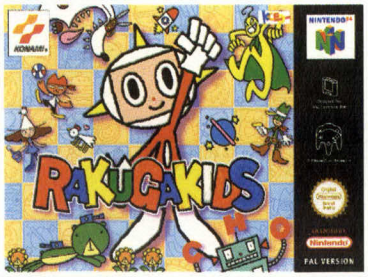

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Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER · MEMORY PAK · RUMBLEPAK WITH NINTENDO

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V Rally Edition 99

Hitting top gear on the open road sounds right up our street. Hold on tight, V Rally 99's here...

Nintendo Official Magazine AWESOME

WE SAID "V Rally 99's shaping up to be the hottest game on four wheels yet."

Rev yer motor

If you want the best rallying experience on your Nintendo 64 then check out V Rally Edition 99!

Race head to head against some of the meanest motors across eight of the world's toughest terrains to become the V Rally 99 champion.

This racing fest lets you chew up the track in Arcade or Championship mode. Not only that, but you can go up against a mate and race head to head in a mad dash to the line.

If you want a racer that belts along at a serious pace then V Rally 99's the one. So let's go for a spin…

▲ It's the best edge of yer seat racer on the N64!
◀ Bruise the bodywork on yer way to victory.

Let's burn rubber!

If you're into serious motoring madness on yer N64, V Rally Edition 99's got some ace gameplay options to choose from.

▲ **Arcade** Try and beat the clock as you race over four different tracks. There are three difficulty settings.

▲ **Championship** Race across the eight countries from the snowy French Alps to the heat of Africa.

▲ **Time trial** For beginners. Set your quickest time on any track, then go back and try beating your record.

▲ **Multiplayer** Now it's time for road rage! Hit the track and try slamming yer mate off.

Rally cars

So you want a car that rocks, eh? Well this is the place for you.

There are 11 motors to choose, from kit cars to world rally cars. Let's go for a test drive…

▲ Welcome to the V Rally garage. Which one do you wanna drive?

Citroën Xsara

What tracks is it best on? Dry tracks where you don't need much grip.
Why? It's light and doesn't hug the road very well. It's got ace acceleration though.

Nissan Almera

What tracks is it best on? Ones with loadsa straights and not many corners.
Why? High top speed for the straights, but pulling away from the corners takes time.

Peugeot 306

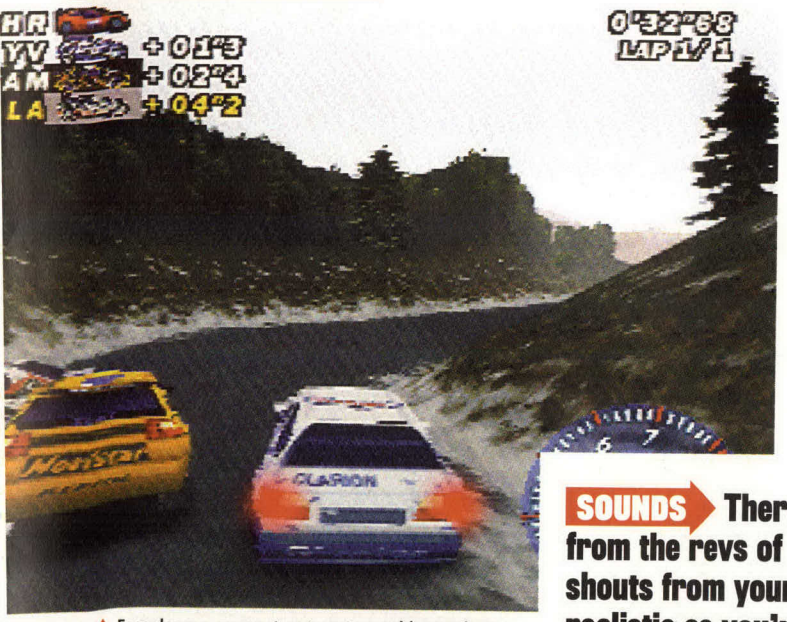
What tracks is it best on? Just like the Almera, it's best on the straighter tracks.
Why? The 306 has got a wicked top speed so watch it fly! Gun it on the longest straights.

▲ Hit 'em at this speed and you'll send 'em rolling.

First tip

Your motor takes a few seconds to get started on the grid, so start revving early or you'll be trailing as they storm off into the distance.

▶ Keep behind 'em on the corners, then use the slipstream to attack the leaders.



▲ Ease down a gear or two to get past this smash up.

LOOKS V Rally 99's jaw dropping. Everything from the cars, to the tracks and weather is amazing. The in car view's a cool cruise.

Sun and rain

Not only have you gotta face some of the world's toughest drivers in V Rally 99 but you'll have to race through some of the worst weather too.

You'll face different conditions from Indonesia to Sweden.

Let's take a closer look at what mother nature's gonna chuck at you and your motor…

▲ Sun
You'll reach boiling point as you sweat it out in the heat of the African desert.

▲ Fog
Put yer lights on and take it easy 'cos there are low clouds on the track.

▲ Rain
It'll start chucking down as you race across the English moors.

▲ Snow
The worst of the lot. It'll play havoc with yer grip and you'll slide all over the shop.

▲ Night
Night driving's really tough in Sweden. Don't drive too fast or you'll lose it.

SOUNDS There isn't much apart from the revs of yer engine and the shouts from your co-driver. As realistic as you're gonna get.

What do you reckon?

Is this the best driving game on the N64 or do you get yer racing kicks outta Top Gear Rally instead? Fast forward to Club Mario on page 94 and tell us what you think…

Seat Ibiza

What tracks is it best on?
This baby's only good in the dry and sunshine.
Why? It's only got two wheel drive so it has serious trouble gripping on slippery, wet tracks.

Hyundai Coupé

What tracks is it best on?
Asphalt tracks with good, smooth racing conditions.
Why? It's acceleration is the best in the game, so choose it on the dry tracks. Thrash it.

Renault Megane

What tracks is it best on?
On the early tracks like the one in Indonesia.
Why? It's got a screaming top speed that'll mash 'em as you hurtle down the forest straights.

Skoda Octavia

What tracks is it best on?
Twisting, turning tracks like the Safari and English stages.
Why? Cos it shifts through the gears like lightning. You'll hit the front before you know it.

ONE PLAYER Give it time. The controls take a while to get to grips with and you'll be crashing all over the place at first.

Cornering like an expert

You've gotta race like a rally expert in V Rally 99. There's no pedal to the metal in this game!

To hit top whack just hit A. But if a corner's comin' atcha then you've gotta slow down! Keep yer finger on the gas and hold B to brake into the bend. As soon as you're through, slam the gas to cruise away.

For a handbrake turn, hit ◆ as the track bends, you'll get a sharper turn.

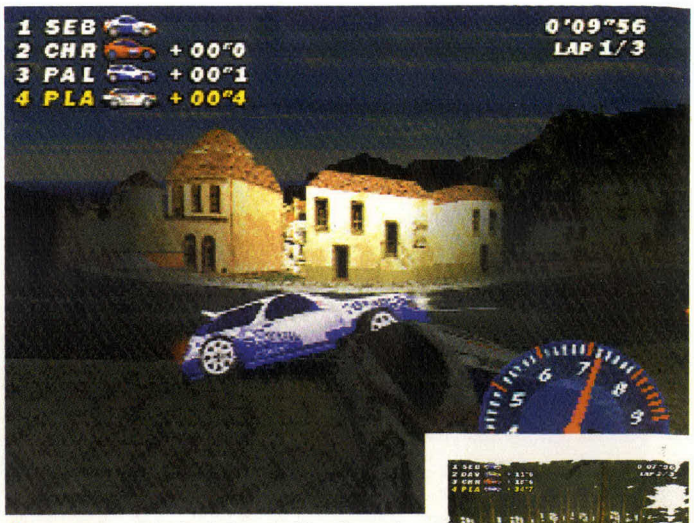
▲ The yellow arrow's flashing. There's a sharp corner up ahead.

▲ Use B to brake as the turn approaches. Slam it nice 'n' early.

▲ Turn your car into the bend to cut down your lap time.

▲ Smash the gas to power out...

▲ ... and fly into third place!



▲ Watch yer speed in the dark or you'll be all over the place. The headlight effects are totally amazing.

▶ The crashes look spectacular. And get used to 'em, 'cos you'll be wiping out a lot in V Rally.

V Rally 99

Usman: V Rally 99 looks cool. When you sit in the car it feels like you're actually roaring round at top speed. It's a bit hard against the computer but this is the best two player rally game I've ever played.

Irfan: The cars look amazing and they've made them look just like the real thing. The action really hots up when you race a mate. I'd definitely recommend this.

Two player tussles

Grab a mate for a head to head, two player race and the rubber won't just be burning, it'll be on bloomin' fire!

Choose yer favourite motor and course then try pipping your pal to the finishing post.

Don't get too close though as one nudge could send you crashing down the side of a mountain or flying into a cliff face.

▲ This is where you'll find out who's the best rally car driver.

▲ Send 'em spinning into the trackside and leave 'em for dust.

▲ Get past 'em and score yer best time. Now go back and thrash 'em again.

Other rally racers

V Rally Edition 99 joins Top Gear Rally and Multi Racing Championship as the best rally games to buy for the Nintendo 64, but how does it compare to the others?

We pitted these rockin' rallyers head to head. Here's our verdict...

▲ Multi Racing Championship

If you prefer arcade rally games, then MRC's the one to go for. It's still one of the fastest 'n' best looking driving games we've played.

▲ Top Gear Rally

Top Gear Rally is well worth yer dosh. Great looking cars and tracks make it stunning to look at. You'll have to drive like the real thing if you wanna get the most out of it.

▲ V Rally Edition 99

Up there with Top Gear Rally as the rallying experience to get. This is just like driving the real thing. Brake for the bends and shift up 'em on the straights. The best yet.

MULTIPLAYER Don't worry about slowdown as two player racers belt along the track.

Nintendo Official Magazine Game Score

V Rally 99's the best off road racer yet. Younger racers might find it hard going, and even older gamers'll find it a challenge. But it's a wicked driving game.

Nintendo Official Magazine AWESOME

90%

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Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER · MEMORY PAK · RUMBLEPAK

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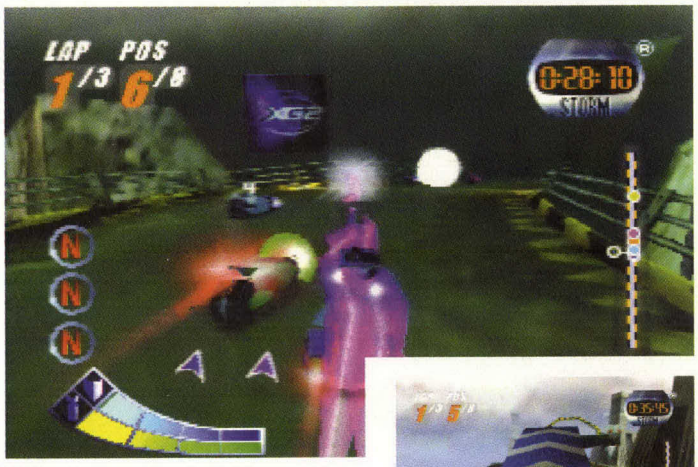
XG2

The biggest, meanest bikes are back in the sequel to Extreme G.

WE SAID "XG 2 looks cool with loadsa eye popping tracks. But with F-Zero X on the grid it's gonna be a fierce race for yer Chrimbo cash."



▲ Frazzle those cyberbikes with your rockets. The weapons in XG 2 would blast anything.
▶ Use the ramps to get up to the pit lane above. Reach 'em to recharge your bike and get back in the race.

Feel the force

If you're itching for more racing thrills then stand back 'cos XG 2 ain't gonna stop for anyone. Outta my way!

Armed to the teeth with brain frazzlin' weapons and nitros, you've gotta race your cybercycle across futuristic tracks to beat everyone to the line and become the XG 2 king. There's even a four player deathmatch.

▲ It's wheel to wheel action in XG 2. Rev up yer bike and smash some future butt.

LOOKS XG 2's patchy. The bikes and power ups have been improved and the tracks are really smart, but the game's let down by slow speed.

XG challenges

Whether you're on yer own or wanna play with a gang of mates, XG 2's got tons for you to try out...

Single player

If you're new to the XG scene there's time trials and a practice mode.

There's even an arcade mode where you've gotta blast waves of nasties off the track to rack up loadsa points.

▲ Fire up your super gun and wipe 'em off the track.

Multiplayer

If there's just two of you, then the head to head races are a great laugh.

In the Battle Arena, up to four of ya can blast each other 'til there's just one wreck left. Find yer pal with the arrows and blast 'em.

▲ Challenge your mates in the multiplayer battles.

Extreme contest

With three difficulty settings and four championships to win, you've gotta blast yer bike past seven other racers to win the contest.

The weapons make it all a bit more interesting. But getting 'em on target's easier said than done.

▲ You've gotta blast yer bike past seven other racers.

SOUNDS **The music pumps out as you race round the tracks and the smack of missiles hitting home is really satisfying.**

Rev up your bike!

We loved Extreme G. Hated the controls. Half the time you couldn't control your bike and just crashed round the track.

XG 2 though will have yer controller beggin' for mercy.

Z kicks your bike into action and the 3D Stick controls it.

For a sharper turn, just hit R, but be careful, it's well tight. C fires up one of your three nitros.

▲ Hold Z to hit the track and rev up your two wheeled wonder.

▲ Some corners have got high banks to ride round on. You can go right up 'em.

▲ Hit C and you'll kick start a red nitro into action. You'll zoom off.

Play with your mates

The multiplayer battles in Extreme G were poo. This time the bikes have been replaced with tanks modelled on the superbikes.

As well as four player races, there's a battle option to try out too. Just choose an arena and blow the living daylights out of your mates. The last tank left is the winner!

▲ Whoah! Player two's been slammed into the wall.

▲ Charge up your weapons and let rip! The one with no shield left is outta here!

▲ Select your gun, get 'em in yer sights and pummel 'em to paste.

▲ Drive over the nitro pads on the track and you'll be off like a rocket.

Missile madness

As you dive down vertical drops and round 360° loops, you can use some amazing weapons to finish first.

To use the bike's gun, just tap A. To power it up all you've gotta do is hold it down.

Dotted round the tracks are glowing power ups. To pick 'em up, just drive through 'em.

There are loads of weapons you can use, ranging from heat seeking missiles to homing rockets and mortars.

To use 'em, all you've gotta do is hit B and watch as it screams at the enemy bikes and mashes 'em. You'll love smashing the other bikes to smithereens.

▲ There are some ace power ups in XG2. Just drive through 'em and they'll strap onto your bike.

▲ Check this baby out! It's a homing missile. There ain't no escape for the biker up front.

▲ A quick tap on B and it'll really hit home. The awesome weapons are the best thing about XG 2.

GAME LENGTH **With three difficulty settings and some tough races to win, XG 2 is challenging enough.**

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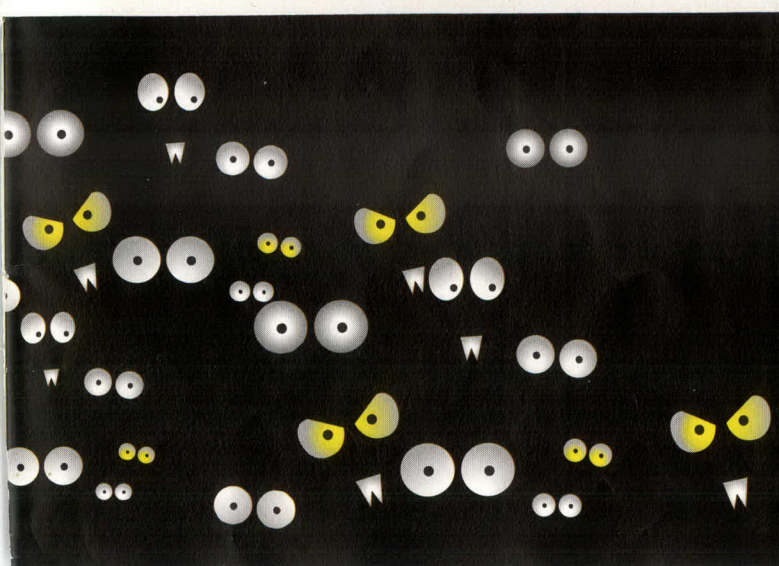
GAME SCORE

After Extreme G, we were expecting another fun futuristic racer. Nope. The lack of speed and poor multiplayer lets XG 2 down in a big way. Go for the excellent F-Zero X or WipEout 64 instead.

82%



Seeing is believing!

PlayStation Silicon Valley

NFL Quarterback Club 99

It's non stop action all the way to the end zone as NFL Quarterback Club returns to the N64.

Game Info

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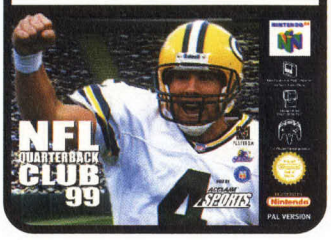


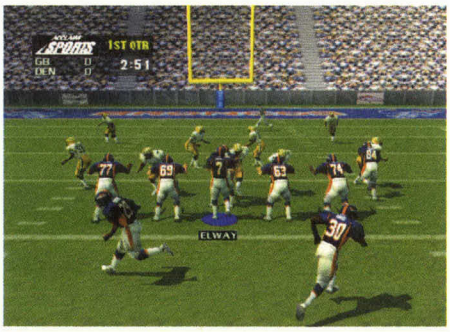
Join the club

If NFL Blitz is too over the top, QBC 99'll be the game for you. It features all the teams and players from the NFL, and even the six NFL Europe teams, including the England Monarchs and the Scottish Claymores.

The Simulation mode makes a welcome return too. There's also a cool multiplayer mode for up to four players.

LOOKS There's only one way you'll see anything more realistic and that's by watching an actual match.

WE SAID "This is really gonna give gridiron fans something to feast on..."



▲ NFL's back and it looks better than ever.

SOUNDS If you're a fan you'll recognise Mike Patrick and Randy Cross' voices. If you're not you'll just be hugely impressed.

Start a ruckus

The main gameplay mode is NFL Play. Here you can choose from four gameplay modes including Season, Playoff and a soccer style knockout tournament.

There's also a practice mode which is perfect for beginners.

This allows you to take the offence onto the field and go through several plays with the defence rushin' towards you. Find out which ones work best and use them.

▲ Choose your favourite NFL team for a top match up.

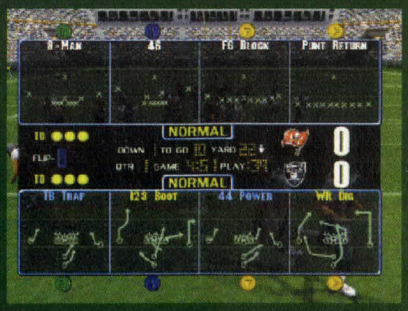
▲ Then take to the pitch for a major American footy ruckus.

Choose yer play

Although the playbook looks confusing, it's simple once you've learned the basics.

There are two ways to move the ball (run or pass), and the plays are displayed in a different colour.

It's blue for run and yellow for pass. If you forget which one you've selected, press R when you're at the line of scrimmage.



▲ Choose yer plays in the selection screen.

▲ Then take to the pitch and put 'em into practice.

Celebrations

To enhance the realism, loadsa cool player celebrations have been added.

These are performed every time a Touchdown is scored, or when a defensive player makes a sack. Here are a few of the best that NFL showoffs have to offer.

Mile High Salute

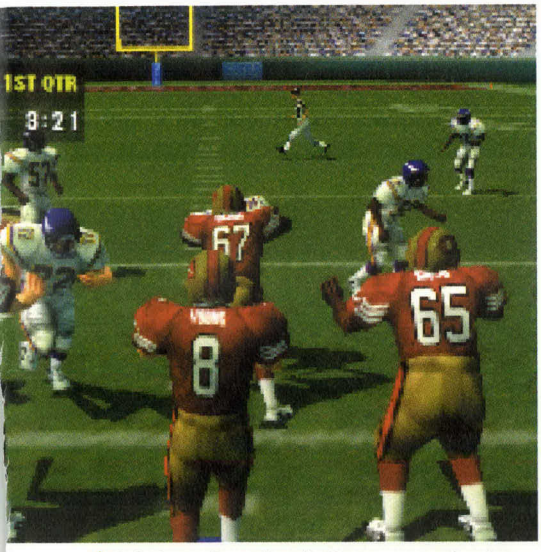
Created by the Superbowl champions. Once you're in the end zone, you face the crowd and salute them.

Chicken Dance

You've used yer quick feet to get in the end zone. Now get down 'n' boogie with the ol' funky chicken routine.

Raise the Roof

Seen after a huge sack. The defender pushes his hands above his head and the crowd goes wild!



▲ Only three minutes into the first quarter and you're already 6-0 up. Fox the opposition with a sneaky pass.

Bust A Move 3

Game Info

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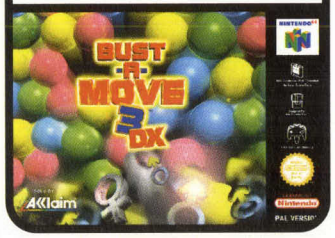


If you want fun for all the family this Christmas, Bust A Move 3'll keep the festivities goin'.

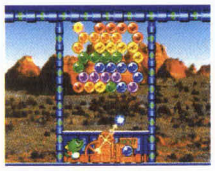
Go for bust

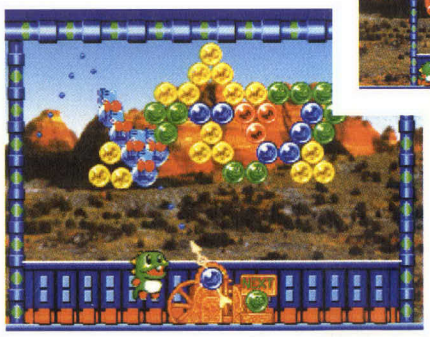
Easy, fun and addictive. That's the best way to sum up Bust A Move 3.

You must clear the screen by removing all the balls. Every time you place three of the same colour together, they break away from the pack and burst off your screen.

You can even remove the ones that are hanging from them. The only drawback is that the rack of balls are constantly creeping towards your bubble gun.

▲ You've made it to round two, but there's still a long way to go. Always watch the ball on the right hand to see what's comin'.





▲ The bubbles are creeping down. Ain't much time.

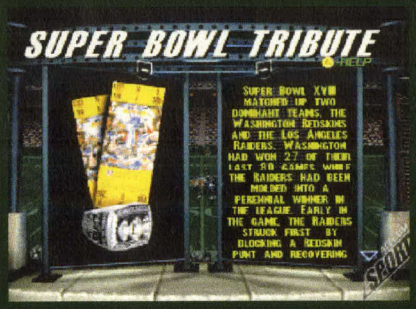
◀ BAM 3 is in full colour. Don't it look absolutely gorgeous!

History lesson

If you're really interested in American Football, you'll love this option. SB Tribute is a look back at all 32 Superbowls.

Each one tells the story of how the game was played, and it also shows the SB Ring that's awarded to every winning player.

Okay, so you don't play, but it still gives you a great insight into some of the classic games.



▲ Big American footy fans'll love the tribute. There's stats and info and everything!

GAME LENGTH Going all the way to the Superbowl is gonna be tough, but you'll want to get there. The multiplayer mode is great, but not good as NFL Blitz.

Multiplayer

The best option is the multiplayer mode which features an ace four player game.

Each player picks their character and goes about removing their balls in the usual way. This time it's best to ignore the lines of three and take down as many bubbles as possible.

You'll now send over all the extra balls to the player on the right.

▲ This is the two player, but up to four can compete.

▲ Choose which bubble burster you wanna be.

▲ And hit the colourful grid to get poppin'.

Nintendo Official Magazine GAME SCORE

NFL QBC 99 can't be faulted. It looks great, plays fantastic and gives sports fans hours of entertainment. For the ultimate gridiron, slam this in yer N64.

Nintendo Official Magazine AWESOME

90%

Nintendo Official Magazine GAME SCORE

Although it's difficult to work out how this differs from BAM 2, it's still lots of fun and the four player option is tops. It you didn't get the original and you're into puzzlers, this could be the perfect solution.

85%

NFL Blitz

The hard hittin', tough tacklin', body poppin' world of American Football is back with a bang. NFL Blitz is bone breakin' fun.

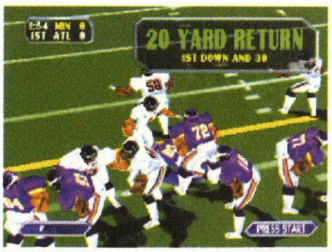
Nintendo Official Magazine AWESOME

Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER · MEMORY PAK · RUMBLEPAK

Price: **£49.99**
Release: 14 November

WE SAID "It's a hard hittin' Football game which looks as good as the coin-op."



▲ A great return on the opening kick off.

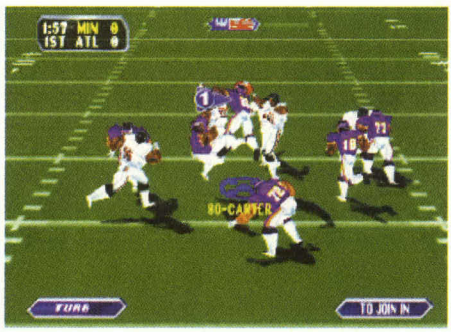
Fast 'n' furious

If you ain't got the patience for Madden's or QBC, you'll feel right at home with NFL Blitz.

It's a fast paced, all action game which packs a punch on every play.

Blitz contains all the NFL teams, and lets you control the biggest names in the biz.

The game also features an incredibly addictive two player match which'll keep you coming back for more.



▲ Unnecessary violence is a must. If you see someone, take 'em down. There are no penalty flags in NFL Blitz.

LOOKS Superb. It's identical to the arcade and the extremely over aggressive action is fantastic. A treat for the eyes.

▲ Wait for your team mates to make the blocks and then run like hell.

Smaller teams

Although the game is played on a full sized 100 yard pitch, the teams have been reduced to seven on seven.

That should make passing easier, but the blockers can only hold the defenders for a limited time, so pass quick.

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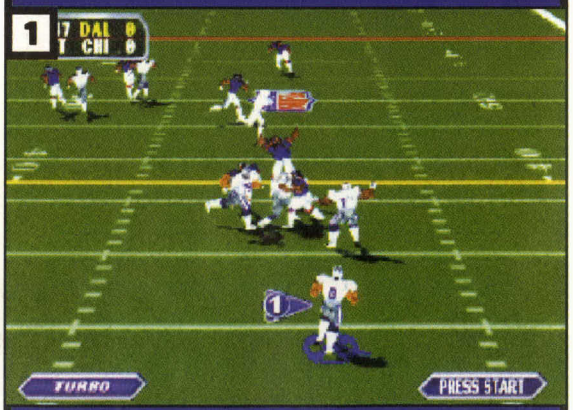


▲ If the heat's on, get outta the pocket for a few extra seconds.

2

▲ Try to wait for an open receiver if you can...

3

▲ ... or take off with your QB and make up some extra yards.

Blitz bonanza

Although there's no difference in the way any of the game options play, there are still two choices on offer, Arcade or Season style.

Arcade

▲ Just a one off match with no prizes at stake. Pick two teams and get on the turf. Choose this if you want a quickie two player game.

Season

▲ Select your team and try to get to the Superbowl. Save all your data onto a Memory Pak, so you can pick up where you left off.

Rule changes

Although the basic rules are the same, this is American Football with a difference. You can get away with anything and there are no penalty flags for a late hit.

There are also alterations to the offensive game. You're now able to make a forward pass to a team mate and still throw another pass, as long as you don't cross the line of scrimmage.

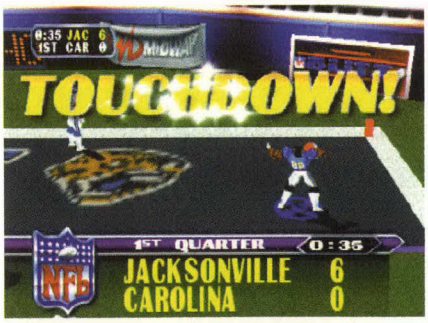
▲ You can get your receivers to run any pattern of play you wish.

▲ Make them sprint, and spin to get away from the marker on their backs.

▲ Now use the play and wait for 'em to get open. The perfect pass.

▲ You beat the best in the NFL with yer own play. It ain't so tough.

SOUNDS **Some of the tackles are so gruesome, you can almost hear bones breaking. There are loadsa cool player taunts after each play.**



▲ NFL Blitz features loadsa over the top celebrations. Get in the Endzone and taunt the opposition.

Create yer playbook

Each team uses the same playbook, with 18 offensive and nine defensive plays on offer.

To give yourself an advantage, you're able to design a further nine pass plays which can be used in Season mode.

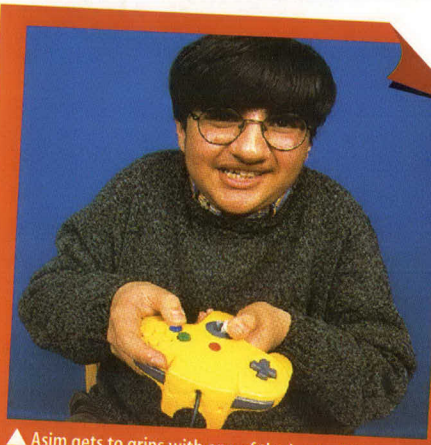
You now have complete freedom for your receivers to run wherever they want.

Just don't make the patterns too complicated or they'll never get open. If your players are confused, they'll never make the play.

▲ You can get your receivers to run any pattern you wish.

▲ Make them sprint, and spin to get away from their marker.

▲ Now use the play and wait for 'em to get open.



▲ Asim gets to grips with one of the loadsa NFL Blitz plays. Hut, hut, hut, hut...

You have your say

We asked Asim what he reckoned to the latest American Footy knockabout.

Asim: NFL Blitz is the best American footy sim I've ever played!

It's got some amazing graphics that make you feel like you're really down on the turf, and with loadsa teams to choose and plays, NFL Blitz rules!

The game's great to just pick up 'n' play and 'cos the game's so fast you'll be coming back months after you bought it for a quick game.

I love the way you can smash your mate to the ground or jump on 'em and the touchdown celebrations are really funny.

Easy to play

NFL Blitz couldn't be more simple. You don't even need to understand the rules, as hints and tips appear at the end of each quarter.

Once you've chosen your play, you line up and take the snap. Normally you'll have three receivers running a pattern.

Move the 3D Stick right or left to hit the wide guys, or press up to find the middle man.

Once you've selected yer receiver, press Ⓐ and watch the ball fly.

▲ The Jaguars' receiver's about to break his neck.

GAME LENGTH **The games are so action packed, you'll want to beat all 30 teams and reach the Superbowl. The two player mode is as good as any sports game.**

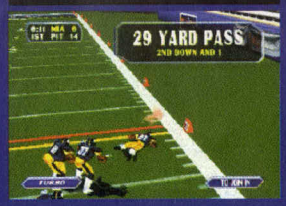
Cool crunchin' codes

There are loadsa awesome codes which make the matches even more bizarre. We'll print them all in full next month, but here are just a few things you can expect to see.

Huge heads

▲ Get a better view of the field by doubling the size of yer head. Actually, it doesn't alter anything.

Invisible



▲ It's easier to avoid the pass rush 'cos the defence can't see you. Roll outta the pocket and make a pass.

Tiny players

▲ Send out the midgets. Shrink your team and yer ickle ruckers'll take on the really big boys.

Nintendo OFFICIAL MAGAZINE GAME SCORE

This is an excellent game. It's incredibly fast and is non stop action all the way. The play slows down a little, but it won't spoil your enjoyment one bit. Grab it.

Nintendo OFFICIAL MAGAZINE AWESOME

90%

Game Info

Price: **£44.99**
Release: **Out now**

WE SAID "Starshot has some great ideas and monsters."

Starshot
Space Circus fever

This is a weird one! Meet Starshot, he's a cute lil' circus juggler who can play with stars.

▲ This is a spaceship junkyard. Look, there's the Millennium Falcon!

▲ Our lil' hero explores and talks to the jungle level dwellers.

The epic begins

Starshot's adventure is seriously strange. It's the 32nd Century and he's a junior Star Juggler in the Space Circus, a once great attraction that's fallen on hard times.

A rival called Virtua Circus is taking all their business, and a debt collecting bomb from the bank threatens to explode on the spaceship if they don't pay back their loan.

1

▲ The Space Circus promotional missile lands on the holiday planet Tensuns.

2

▲ But before it can do its job it's destroyed by the Virtua Circus security 'bots.

3

▲ Starcash tells Willfall to go down to Tensuns and find out who did this to their missile.

4

▲ Willfall asks that Starshot join him. This is where your adventure begins…

Keep a level head

There are loadsa levels in Starshot. A total of 24 sub levels mean this'll take more than a few sittings.

But the game's so annoying! It's a good job you've got unlimited lives in the game, 'cos you die all the time!

▲ This is part of TorturWorld. We guarantee you'll waste loadsa lives getting through.

▲ None of Starshot's easy, even with level maps. It'll be a patient player who doesn't give up.

The players

As the game moves on there are bundles of characters that you'll need to meet and make friends with.

They've all got wacky names and strange personalities, and you'll have to say and do the right things to keep going.

LOOKS There are lush backgrounds and colourful characters, but the camera angles are well dodgy.

Willfall

Willfall is Starshot's best mate. He's a disposable robot who hates the fact that he's a cute throwaway pal.

Starcash

Starcash is the Space Circus ringmaster and is desperate for its survival. He's your boss, so listen to him.

Willfly

This rocket robot is a lively, sneaky member of Starshot's team. He'll pull Starshot out of trouble when he gets stuck.

Nobrakes

This guy pilots the Space Circus. He's a World War II RAF pilot who got frozen and brought back to life.

Wolfgang

The boss of the rival Virtua Circus, Von Ravel uses only holograms as exhibits. He's vowed that his Circus will be best.

▲ Starshot enters another spaceship and realises it's full of ghosts.

SOUNDS There are different theme tunes to suit each level and cute in game sounds.

▲ Starshot can use robots to help him out.

Mini levels

To get through to the end, Starshot has to carry out loads of different mini tasks in each of the seven worlds.

These aren't limited to normal 3D adventure type missions, they are things that have to be done in order to progress.

▲ Here on Earth, Starshot has to find the last surviving human for an exhibit in the Circus.

▲ This is the War Simulator. Pick one of the two armies at war and help 'em to win.

GAME LENGTH Loads of levels will keep you coming back for more. But the frustrating gameplay really annoys.

Nintendo Official Magazine Game Score

Starshot's big, colourful and could've been awesome. But the gameplay's slow and frustrating, so what sholuld have been an epic adventure has ended up a confusing mish mash. Banjo Kazooie it ain't.

75%

Game Info

Multi-Player · Memory Pak · Rumblepak

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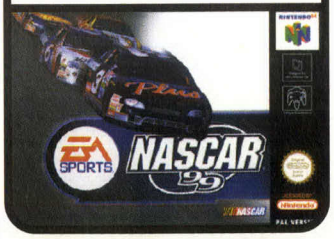


▲ Check out the cars in all their glory.
▶ Two player battles are fun for a while.

NASCAR 99

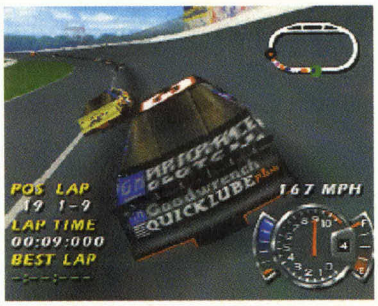
If you thrill to burning rubber round some of America's toughest tracks, then NASCAR 99's for you.

Start your engines!

NASCAR 99 lets you take on the meanest machines on four wheels as you pound the oval raceways of America.

You can hurtle through a full season, single race or against a mate and choose from 37 drivers 'n' cars.

There are 17 tracks to battle, with race commentary and radio contact with the pits.



▲ Watch out when taking bends, they're tricky.

▲ Give night racing a spin.

▲ It's a neck 'n' neck tussle.

Drive with style

The key to victory is to overtake using the slingshot. Accelerate towards the car in front, but keep yer distance.

When you're ready to overtake, slam on the gas and pull out to the top of the track. Then dive down to the bottom and floor it!

1 ▲ To slingshot, pull up behind the car ahead.

2 ▲ Drive up to the top of the straight…

3 ▲ …then drop down in front and overtake.

4 ▲ Now shift down and get chasin' the pack.

▲ Smash into the wall and you'll go spinning.

Nintendo Official Magazine Game Score

Racing fans will be disappointed. The races are boring and the oval tracks aren't exactly jaw dropping. NASCAR 99's for fans only.

62%

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Sunny Delight

Sunny Delight
Sunny Delight
whenever, wherever,
reach for the sun.

Game Info

ONE-PLAYER

Price: **£39.99**
Release: **Out now**

Glover

You can't beat Nintendo for platformers, and now there's a new star in the making. Please give a warm hand to Glover...

WE SAID "Glover looks like one of this year's hottest performers."

The aim of the game

There's a new fella ready to strut his stuff on the Nintendo. Glover is here!

An explosion has wrecked Glover's master, the wizard's castle. It ripped seven power crystals from the roof and scattered 'em across the land. You've gotta find 'em all!

▲ You'll meet some tough talkin' bosses in Glover. Like this boot stompin' circus clown.

▲ Glover's gotta push the ball round each level to rescue the power crystals.

Ball games

To help Glover on his way to the power crystals, he carries a rubber ball with him. Hit R and it turns into a bowling ball, marble or crystal.

As you get further into the game, you'll have to keep changing it to get past obstacles that stand in your way.

▲ **Rubber ball** You start with this. Use it to hit targets, roll across water and move platforms.

▲ **Bowling ball** Hit R once and the bowling ball will be yours. Use it to smash stuff.

▲ **Crystal ball** Roll round with the crystal and you'll get double points every time you pick up a Garib! Lose it and it'll smash.

▲ **Aluminium ball** The fourth ball is great on the space levels. It's magnetic so you can use its special powers to finish this level.

Practice makes perfect

The Glover controls are tricky at first, so before jumping into the game try out the assault course to learn the moves.

On your way round, look out for Mr Tip who gives you instructions on how to cartwheel, jump and fist slam.

You'll also learn how to slap, throw, bounce and roll on the ball.

▲ You'll learn the throw the ball. Hold B to grab it, aim with the 3D Stick and lob it!

▲ This is yer ball. Walk into it and Glover'll grab it and start pushing it around.

▲ To get the ball up the steps, tap B to bounce it and push A to get it going.

▶ This is Mr Tip. Walk up to him and hit B for a handy hint. When he goes from see thru to solid, you can chat.

LOOKS **Every loony, toony world is packed with loadsa colour and imagination that make Glover a treat for your eyes.**

Surprises galore

There are loadsa goodies for Glover to pick up. Collect 40 yellow star cards, or Garibs, on each level and you'll get an extra life.

Watch out for the spinning coloured checkpoints. All you've gotta do is throw the ball through it and if you lose a life, Glover will re-start from there.

Keep your eyes peeled for the potions too. Some make Glover bigger while others give him a limited burst of speed! They only last a limited time though.

▲ Throw yer ball through the checkpoint to save.

▲ Grab the Garibs for extra points 'n' lives!

▲ Find a speed potion and you'll rocket up walls.

SOUNDS You'll be twistin' 'n' groovin to the music, and the little effects are just right.

Atlantis level

After learning the moves, the first place you enter is the watery world of Atlantis.

This flooded city is littered with steps, ramps 'n' slopes to get up, but by using Glover's skills you can get round 'em easily.

▲ Your first job is to get across the water by rolling on the ball. Harder than it looks.

▲ To knock out the enemy, you've gotta use your fist slam. Hit the bull for a Garib!

▲ Hit R to turn it into a bowling ball. Aim at the crates and use A to slap it.

▲ Those piranhas want to make a meal outta ya. Tap A to jump out of danger!

▲ There are loadsa Garibs floating in mid air at the end of the stage. To get 'em, stand underneath and bounce the ball.

GAME LENGTH The controls are tricky at first but master 'em and there are loadsa levels to explore. You'll keep comin back 'til ya find everything!

Nintendo Official Magazine GAME SCORE

It looks simple but Glover's a great little platformer.

Learning his moves takes time, but you'll find there's more to it than you first thought. This cheeky chappy's worth a look.

85%

Bomberman Hero

The biggest blast from the past is back, but he ain't gonna blow you away this time.

Game Info

ONE-PLAYER | ~~MULTI-PAK~~ | RUMBLEPAK

Price: **£39.99**
Release: **Out Now**

Bomberman's back!

One of Nintendo's all-stars, Bomberman, is at it again in a brand new adventure!

A strange spaceship has crash landed on planet Bomber Star. The only survivor, Pibot the robot, has told our daring hero that soldiers are destroying his home world.

Not only that, but Princess Millian's been kidnapped. Only you can save her. Let's go blow stuff up…

◀ Our hero can throw up to four bombs at a time. Just hold B to get his arm spinning and let go for mega destruction! It's boombastic stuff!

▶ To get a quick kill, just tap B to throw a bomb.

Pibot feels like chicken tonight. Eat my bomb you feathery fiend.

▶ Bomberman can skim across the icy slopes on his Slider. A jumps and B spin attacks.

Top toys to play with

Not only can Bomberman use explosives, but there are some handy gadgets, called Power Gears, that he can use.

There are four to find, which let Bomberman swoop through the air or slide across snowy peaks.

The first one you'll come across is the Bomber Marine which lets you jet through water. And it looks well cool. Check it out…

▲ Use the 3D Stick to guide Bomberman through the water.

▲ ⬆ lets him float up, ⬇ makes him dive to the sea bed.

▲ Z to blast the sealife outta the water. Bomb the fishy fiends!

▲ Pick up this blue walkie talkie and you'll be given a clue to help you finish the level.

Nintendo Official Magazine GAME SCORE

Bomberman games used to be brill. Not any more.

With no multiplayer and disappointing platform antics, Bomberman Hero is lame. Shame, 'cos we love our lil' bomb boy!

72%

SCARS

Two ace future racers, WipEout and F-Zero, are '64 bound this Christmas. But SCARS ain't far behind.

▲ The cars have superb handling, but cornering can be a bit tricky.
◀ SCARS has superb movies which show the cars revving on the grid.

Game Info

MULTI-PLAYER · MEMORY PAK · RUMBLEPAK

Price: **£44.99**
Release: **20 December**

WE SAID "SCARS has the makings of a great racer with crazy cars, crazy tracks and crazy weapons."

Crazy racers!

SCARS has got to be one of the strangest racing games ever seen on the Nintendo 64.

You get behind the wheel of a choice of nine mental motors, each based on a fearsome animal.

Then hit the dirt with nine testing tracks to choose from, a choice of weather conditions and a full Grand Prix challenge.

There's even a custom set up which lets you choose yer fave tracks.

Without a doubt though, the best bit is the cool 'n' crazy racers.

▲ The computer is rock hard to beat.

Choose yer motor

There are five cool cars on offer, plus four more once you've completed several tasks.

Each motor has its own strengths and weaknesses. Their skills are split into Acceleration, Speed, Grip, Weapon and Armour.

▲ Lion
Good grip but average on the rest. For beginners.

▲ Mammoth
Strong armour, low speed. Hey, it's an elephant!

▲ Shark
Great weapon strength but naff grip.

▲ Mantis
Superb acceleration, but rubbish armour.

▲ Rhino
Great armour, but poor speed. For dirty drivers.

Awesome weapons

The weapons on SCARS are very cool. Some are yer typical blasters you've seen before in other games.

But there are others like the Stopper and the Time Bomb which create a frantic racing atmosphere. Here are a few of the best…

▲ Bullet
Basic missile you direct with a cursor. Can be charged for more power.

▲ Time Bomb
Hot potato passed between cars before it explodes. An NOM favourite.

▲ Seeker
Homing missile which takes out the nearest opponent. Blam!

▲ From left to right: Asim, Jon, Irfan and Usman.

You have your say

Asim: This is one of the best multiplayer racing games I've ever played!
Irfan: Making the cars like wild animals instead of cartoon characters makes SCARS king of the track. It's awesome!
Usman: SCARS has got a great mix of shooting 'n' racing. Forget games like Diddy Kong Racing 'cos this is miles better.
Jon: SCARS is a superb racing game. The multiplayer is great fun. It's got some of the best weapons I've ever seen in a racer.

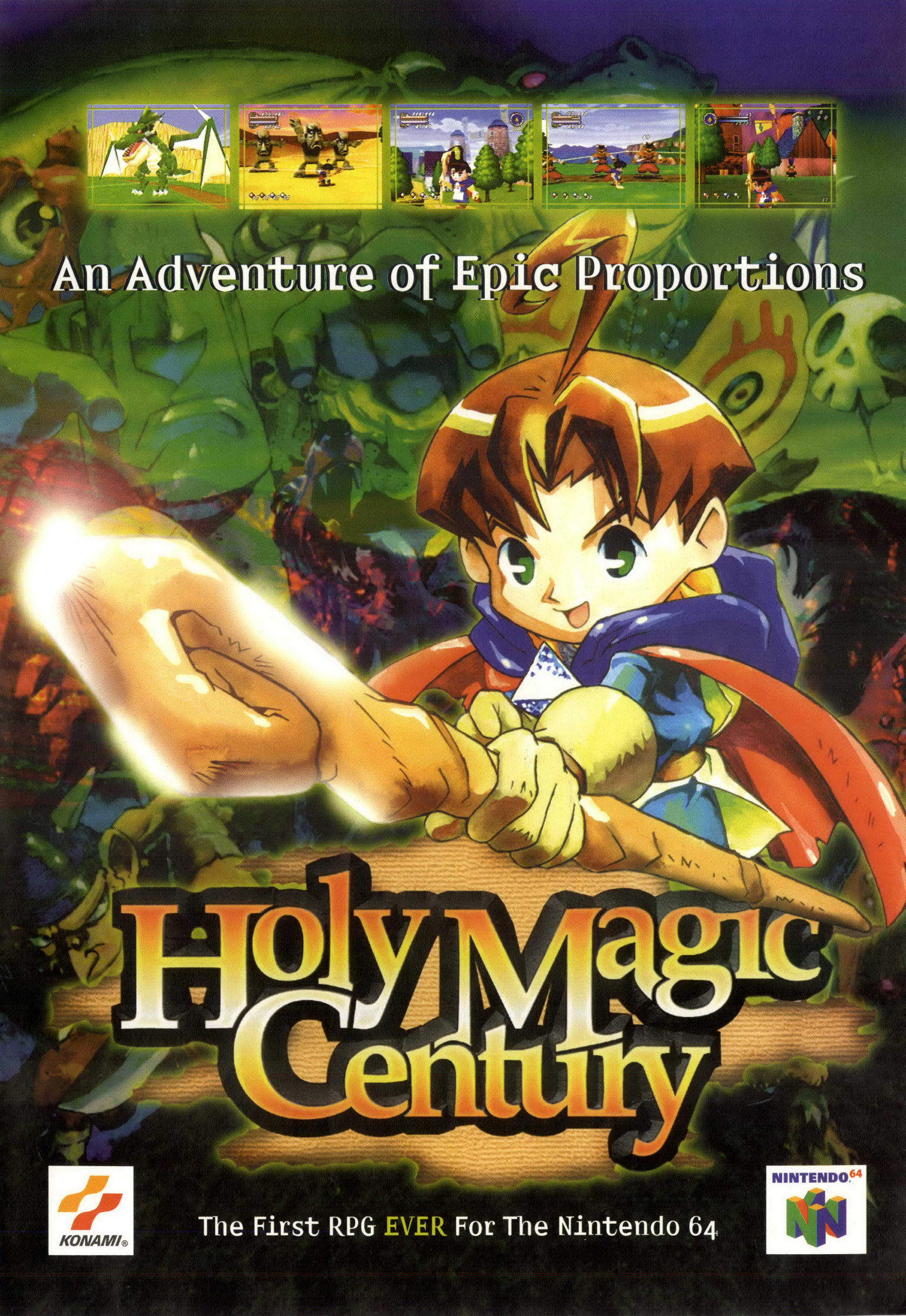
GAME LENGTH There are five Grand Prix settings, but once you've mashed the tracks, you won't be comin' back for more.

▲ D'oh! Trapped by a Magnet weapon. Feel the force.

Nintendo Official Magazine GAME SCORE

SCARS was never going to beat F-Zero X, but its multiplayer option makes it a very good game. The tracks are simple but huge, making races last ages. It ain't no Mario Kart but it's sure worth a look.

84%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Game Boy Color

Game Info

By: **£69.99**
Release: **Out now**

Nintendo's time machine is back. The only gizmo that can make boring journeys disappear in the blink of an eye. Now in full Color...

▲ Yup, the game is in beautiful full colour. The world's best selling games console ever is gonna win even more fans.

The Game Boy Color's here!

There's just no stopping the Game Boy. It's the best selling games console of all time, and it keeps comin' back for more.

This time the GB's got a full colour screen, sharper pictures and more battery life than ever before. And there are some awesome games heading for the Boy.

GB screen
The screen's loads crisper and sharper than yer old GB. Even better, the screen doesn't 'smear' when the action moves!

Colours
Colour games look awesome on the GBC, especially simple titles like Tetris. And even yer old GB games get a splash of colour!

Link up
For multiplayer games, you'll have to link up two GBs. Link cables'll join a Game Boy Color to original GBs and GB Pockets.

Case colours
This Christmas, you're only gonna have a choice of two GBC colours, purple and see through purple. We'll show you all the other colours soon.

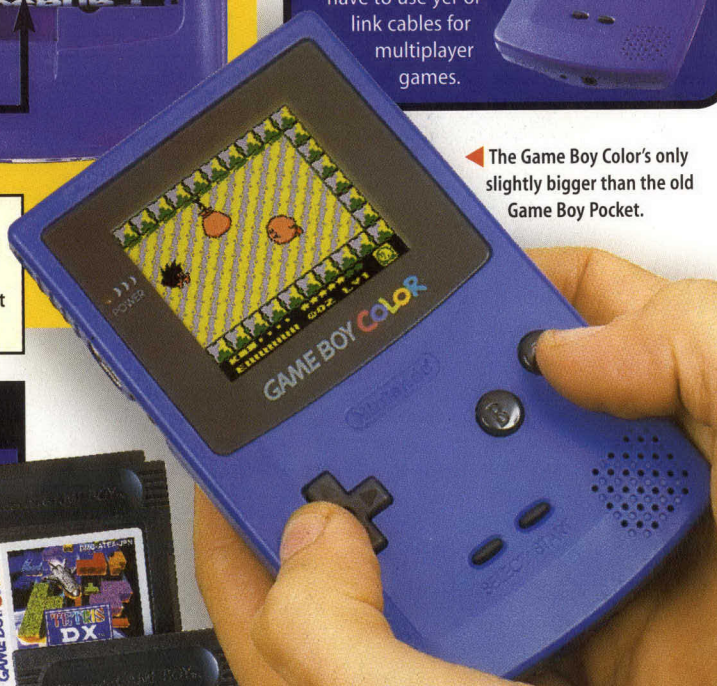
Batteries
The GB Color should give you at least 15 hours of play from a pair of AA batteries, probably more. Four decent batteries'll set you back around £4.

Infrared games

When you rip yer GBC outta the box, the first thing you'll notice is a red, see through square where the 'on' switch is on a GB Pocket.

This is how the Game Boy Colors swap information. If you hold two GB Colors end to end, they talk to each other.

But this infrared link can't be used for two player games, so you'll have to use yer ol' link cables for multiplayer games.



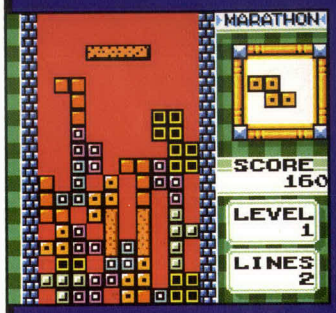
◀ The Game Boy Color's only slightly bigger than the old Game Boy Pocket.

Games galore

There are tons of games planned for the Game Boy Color, both from Nintendo itself and other cool coders.

Game Boy Gallery 2, Pocket Bomberman, Harvest Moon, Tetris, Rampage World Tour, NFL Blitz and Mortal Kombat 4 should be on the shelves of your local games store right now.

And there's loads more top Color titles in the pipeline.



▲ Tetris in full colour. And the pieces look much clearer too.

▲ Evil Wario is let loose to wreak havoc in glorious colour.

▲ The colour carts are exactly the same size. And the GBC'll still play your old Game Boy games too.

We think...

The Game Boy Color's awesome! The colours are great, but the best thing's how crisp and clear the graphics look on the improved screen. It's time to bring a little Color into yer life.

Quick flick! ▶▶ For info on loads of new Game Boy Color titles p112

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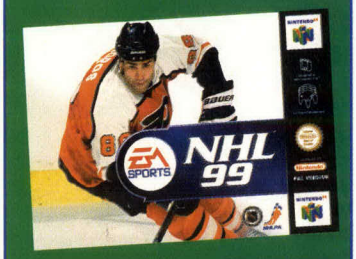

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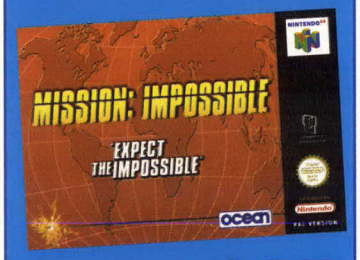

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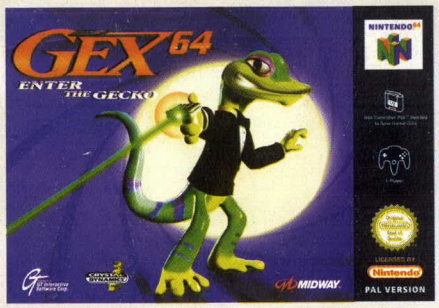

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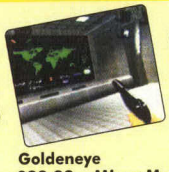
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AEROFIGHTERS ASSAULT 54%

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What's it about Flying round the world and blowing the bejesus out of jets 'n' stuff.
How it plays Single player dull. Jet fighters're meant to be supersonic. These handle like ice cream vans. Multiplayer crashes 'n' burns.
What we think Paper aeroplanes make better flight sims. Gameplay stinks.

AERO GAUGE 51%

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What's it about High speed hover car racer with fun removed. Hardly any courses.
How it plays Four tracks is not enough. You should be demanding more for yer cash. In multiplay it's just you and yer sorry mate to race.
What we think Bad idea. Keep away from this driving nightmare. There's better.

AIRBOARDER 64 69%

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What's it about Zip around futuristic courses on yer trusty air board. Do tricks 'n' stuff.
How it plays Won't take long to complete. Only five courses in single player. Four play modes. Two player a laff, little more.
What we think Tries to match 1080°, but doesn't even make it off the ski lift.

BIO FREAKS 70%

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What's it about Rip yer mate apart in this blood drenched futuristic beat 'em up.
How it plays You'll love the look of it, but the gameplay ain't up to much. Better in two player, but you'll win just button bashin'.
What we think Go to page 66 and have a look at Mortal Kombat 4 instead.

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One player
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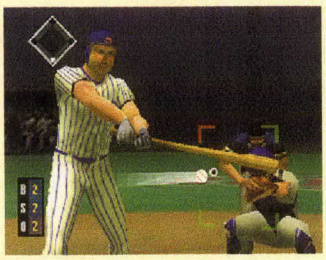
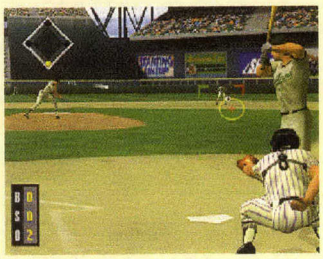


▲ The attention to detail's breathtaking. It looks like a real game of baseball.



▲ Line yer target to where you reckon the pitch'll go, then smack it outta the ground.

BANJO KAZOOIE 96%

- £49.99
- Players 1
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Superb platform adventure. Play Banjo and Kazooie. Explore Gruntilda's Lair. Save Banjo's sister Tooty from Grunty. Evil witch has kidnapped her to steal her beauty.
What you'll like
Blumming everything! Looks amazing. Plays a dream. Huge. Detailed. Keeps ya busy for 40 hours or more. Better'n Super Mario 64.
Check this out ▶
Work out how to release Clanker for the most impressive Jiggy of the game.
One player
Single player heaven. Wander through huge levels. Learn Banjo and Kazooie's moves. Bash rock hard baddies. Use yer bonce to work out tricky puzzles. Play sub games.
What we think
Best platform game ever. Loads to do. Takes ages to finish. Brilliant mini games. Must solve 'em to win. You'll love it. Promise.

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▲ Kazooie'll fly you round Gobi Desert. Check out Jinxy sphinx. Gorgeous!

▲ That gold tooth's the secret to another Jiggy. But you've gotta raise Clanker first to get yer hands on his deep sea booty.

BODY HARVEST 88%

- £44.99
- Players 1
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Biggest bug hunt ever. Travel in time, blast aliens and save humanity.
What you'll like Top shooting action. Also some puzzling thrown in to keep you happy.
Check this out ▼ Check out this huge mother! You'll need more than insect spray!

One player It'll keep you busy for weeks. The levels are huge and the bosses rock hard. Some of the puzzles'll have you scratching yer head for ages! Splatting all the bugs'll take a long time.
What we think Good game that could have been great. Frustrates and amazes.

BLAST CORPS 81%

- £29.99
- Players 1
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Control giant robots, trucks, trains and armoured cars.
How it plays Takes time to work out. Good value at first. You'll only bother with it once. It'll get used to the view from your shelf.
What we think Original. Hard to get into. Once cracked, a great puzzler. Loads of challenge.

BOMBERMAN 64 68%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 3
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Blow up blocks in 3D world. Kill baddies with short fuse.
How it plays Looks cool, big bosses and great graphics – idea's good. Camera angles dodgy. Four player disappointing.
What we think Could be better. First timers'll be happy, fans'll feel let down.

BUCK BUMBLE 84%

- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Blast yer way through garden beasties as insectoid robotic bee.
How it plays Battle the Herd over loads of missions. There are some cute two player games. Blastin' footy's a brilliant laff.
What we think Shoot 'em up which dares to be different. Top blastin' action.

BUST A MOVE 2 81%

- £39.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Puzzler. Burst bubbles on screen. Meet and beat cutesy opponents.
How it plays Cute gaming fun. Play against monsters all around the world. Truly addictive. Chucking bubbles on yer mate is well cool.
What we think If you're into puzzle games you'll love this one. Two player game's a beaut.

CHAMELEON TWIST 68%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 7
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Platformer starring long tongue lizard. Six 3D worlds for prizes.
How it plays Not enough of a challenge. Boring. Easy to finish. Bad, bad multiplay game. Confusing. Not worth effort.
What we think Good idea spoilt by dull levels. Rough graphics and average design.

CHOPPER ATTACK 79%

- £49.99
- Players 1
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Jump in yer chopper and blast the hell outta your enemies.
How it plays You'll love it at first. But enemies come at ya suddenly out of the fog. It'll have you grinding your teeth. Good blastin' action.
What we think Looks good, 'copters easy to handle, but not too polished.

We've tested all these Rumble Paks

Jolt Pak
- Joytech
- £9.99

Rumble power changes. Cheapest rumbler there is.

Advanced Jolt Pak
- Joytech
- £14.99

It's a Jolt Pak with a Memory Pak handily built in. Cheap combo pack.

Shockwave
- Datel
- £24.99

Rumbles on its own and has bags of memory to boot.

Rumble Pak
- Nintendo
- £14.99

Classic rumbler from the Big N. It feels brill and makes any game feel loads more explosive.

Tremor Pack
- Gamester
- 17.99

Rumbles pretty good. Has memory. Looks cool. Nice pack.

LX Tremor Pack
- LMP
- £12.99

No batteries needed! Just slam it in yer controller and you're away! Cool.

Rechargeable Jolt Pak
- Joytech
- £14.99

Great rumbler, rechargeable too so you'll never run out of Duracells.

TremorPak
- Performance
- £12.99

Good rumble response. Better than average.

Jolt Pak
- Blaze
- £14.99

Jolt Pak/memory card combined. Glows in the dark.

Best of the rest

EXTREME G — 80%
- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Race lightning fast bikes of the future around gravity bending courses.
How it plays One player's fast'n furious... but flawed. Graphics're great. But not enough multiplayer battles. Power-ups are pants.
What we think Your skill level must be high. Using power-ups and nitros properly is key.

F1 POLE POSITION 64 — 62%
- £54.99
- 1 Player
- Chart 5
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Race the 1996 season of Formula One Grand Prix World Championship.
How it plays Better racing games out than F1. Too slow. Jerky screen ruins cornering. You'll take the flag all too quickly.
What we think Bad pop up and poor handling. The Nigel Mansell of racers. Fat and old.

DIDDY KONG RACING — 92%
- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Land, sea and air racing with Diddy and Nintendo favourites. Win each race to open new tracks. Beat huge bosses for worlds.
What you'll like
Everything. Whole game is magic. Looks the business, plays brilliantly and needs all your skills. Race the bosses... it's a riot!
Check this out ▶
Wizpig. One of the meanest, baddest and porkiest of Nintendo bosses. Beat him to win the game. He's harder than porky scratchings.
One player
Diddy beats Mario Kart hands down in one player. Hours of top single fun.
Multiplayer
Pretty good multiplayer option, but Mario Kart takes the tape with better power-ups.
What we think
Awesome. Easy to play. Other racers get better as you do. Looks like a cartoon.

▲ Hit all the speed ups and you'll thrash yer mates twice round the track!

▲ Reach the final level and you're up against the evil might of Wizpig. He's a tough oinker and no mistake! Pork chop 'im!

DUKE NUKEM 64 — 86%
- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 4
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Corridor blaster. Kill aliens. Wipe 'em out using daftly big guns.
What you'll like Loads of different weapons. Big, tricky levels. Lots of funny bits.
Check this out ▼
Take on the ugliest the universe has to offer.

One player 28 huge levels. Tons of guns. Plenty of secrets. Big challenge that lasts.
Multiplayer Not as good as Goldeneye but, still top. Best played at Gridiron stadium.
What we think Punchy playability. Fast, action filled blast fest. Stacks to kill. Big game.

F1 WORLD GRAND PRIX — 87%
- £39.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Race the world famous Formula 1 season. Make pole. Thrash yer mates.
What you'll like Looks just like the real thing. Best looking driving sim yet on the '64.
Check this out ▼ The tyres fly into the air as Damon Hill loses it on a corner.

One player Master the controls. Race a season. Be an F1 champ.
Two player Just you and yer mate racing on the huge trax. Hard to pass 'em. Disappointing.
What we think If you've got patience to master the controls, you'll love it. For F1 buffs.

CLAYFIGHTER 63 1/3 — 25%
- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 7
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Beat 'em up that has a laugh at Mortal Kombat series.
How it plays Duff moves and very slow play. Worst N64 game ever. Two play scrap just as bad. Now you both hate this fighting flop.
What we think Original. Hard to get into. Mortal Kombat has the last laugh.

CRUIS'N WORLD — 83%
- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 9
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Thrashing mad motors through courses round the world.
How it plays Single player bit too easy, but a good crack. Multiplay better. Time your turbo boost to take your mate at the flag.
What we think Miles better'n Cruis'n USA. Cars better, courses gorge, and gameplay's tops.

DOOM 64 — 78%
- £49.99
- Players 1
- Chart 2
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Vicious blaster. Loads of levels. Filled with guns 'n' puzzles.
How it plays Masses of monsters. Loads of levels, blood and shooting. Great blast fest. Carnage you'll wreak'll keep you going for ages.
What we think It's good, in fact, it's very good. But ain't as good as Quake.

FIFA 64 — 67%
- £29.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 2
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Footy. Play any top club side in world. Proper player names.
How it plays Won't exactly keep you on the pitch for a season. Looks good, but doesn't play well enough to keep you hooked.
What we think Slack work. Disgrace to footy. Commentary's cool though.

CRUIS'N USA — 54%
- £29.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 4
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Race muscle cars across USA. Win and collect bonus cars.
How it plays No challenge. Finish first go. Awful choons. Weak sound effects. Split screen game as bad. Worse graphics. Even slower to play.
What we think Good idea. Decent conversion of poor coin-op. Bad graphics.

DARK RIFT — 73%
- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about More future fighters battle to save the universe.
How it plays Gameplay's weak and simple. Too easy. Two player looks quite cool but boring after a few battles. Not a stayer.
What we think Samey characters and iffy controls make it a bit annoying. Boring too.

DUAL HEROES — 52%
- £54.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Power Ranger style brawlers scrap it out for a prize or something.
How it plays Easy to win using one button. Not very good value for yer money. Two player a laff... for a bit. You'll be bored after few plays.
What we think Save yer readies for something worth playing.

GASP — 68%
- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Create a fighter, then take to the arena with your scrappin' pal.
How it plays Each scrap lasts 30 seconds. So you've gotta pile in and pummel yer mate quick as poss. Limited appeal.
What we think Looks okay, but MK 4 beats the poo out of it with its eyes closed.

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FIFA 98: RTTWC 89%

- £54.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Qualify for the World Cup or play as club sides.
What you'll like Play as your favourite Premiership side. Use all your fave players.
Check this out ▼ Beautiful screens look just like a real match. Gorgeous graphics.

One player Great gameplay. Awesome visuals. Pad controls well. Stadiums look ace.
Multiplayer Four can play. Nothing better'n thrashing a mate in yer club's kit.
What we think Classy football title. Looks brilliant. Plays great. For true footy fans.

Wicked Wheels

Get the right set of wheels, and racing games'll be ace. But choose wisely, they're all a lot of dosh...

▲ Per4mer
● Platinum Sound ● £49.99
Cheap 'n' cheerful. Big wheel. Cheesey stickers. Crap buttons on dash.

▲ Top Gear
● Spectra Video ● £69.99
Solid feel. Stacks of buttons. Smart design. Handles ace.

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◀ G64 Steering Wheel
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New LMP steerer with full rounded wheel. Rumbles too. One of the best wheels around.

Best of the rest

▼ Vortex wheel
● Interact ● £49.99
Moves through 360°. Also works in 2D.

▼ V3 Racing Wheel
● Interact ● £69.99
Sits under yer legs. New rumbler comin' soon.

◀ ASCIIWHEEL
● ASCII ● £49.99
Plays better'n it looks. Handles pretty good, response okay. No foot pedals. C Buttons in centre.

◀ V1 Racing Wheel
● Performance ● £29.99
Wheel with a difference. Hold it in one hand. Handles nice.

▲ VRF1 X-Cellerator
● Blaze ● £69.99
Odd shape. Tricky to grip. No D-Pad. Hard to control.

FIGHTERS DESTINY 85%

- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 2

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Beat'em up with difference. Special moves and throws earn points.
What you'll like Pull off flashy throwdowns and specials that rock your foe.
Check this out ▼ Smooth and tasty graphics to go with the cool gameplay.

One player Moves easy to suss. Characters are crap but ace fighting style. Good all rounder.
Two player Points and ring-outs add fun. Massive knock downs are good buzz.
What we think Good solid fighter. Smart variation gives extra interest. Lots of moves.

FORSAKEN 90%

- £59.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 2

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Fight Bounty hunters. Zoom round dark, moody levels on flying bikes. War against robots.
What you'll like
Awesome weapons. Knock seven shades of poo outta your enemies. Looks awesome.
Check this out ▶
Finish the game and you can take on the computer, three against one.
One player
Brilliant. Loads of levels. Takes ages to finish. Cool special routes like LylatWars.
Multiplayer
Hard to find other players. Then stand around blasting each other 'til one blows up. Good crack for a while. May get dull.
What we think
Takes time to control properly. Looks stunning. Awesome 3D'll keep you droolin'. Ace weapons. Clever level design. One of the most challenging games. Looks cool, too!

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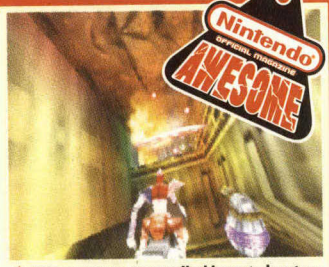

▲ The computer controlled bounty hunters aim to blast you to atoms.

▲ The four player blast's pretty cool, but that's once you've hunted out yer mates.

GEX 64 78%

- £49.99
- Players 1
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Platformer. Play as Gex, the coolest lizard on the block.
How it plays Loadsa levels, all with different themes. Battle as Bond, or take on the toons. Older gamers'll find it a cinch though.
What we think Gex is a cool cat. You'll love him. If you don't finish the game too quick.

GT64 CHAMPIONSHIP 76%

- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 4

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Slide souped up saloon cars around real life street tracks.
How it plays Tracks a bit samey. Takes skill to get cars round without wrappin' them. Two player no challenge if one of you is dead ace.
What we think Looks okay. Let down by poor cornering. Ends up in the gravel.

GOLDENEYE 007 94%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1

Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Play James Bond 007 in shooter based on movie. Tense, challenging and realistic.
What you'll like
Graphics look like film's. Sharp sounds, mega deep playability. Take you ages. Crank up console and be Bond. Serious challenge.
Check this out ▶
Thrash a tank round the runway. Take out the enemy gun towers with huge shells.
One player
Rock hard levels with clever computer baddies. Clever missions. Ace weapons with Rumble Pak.
Multiplayer
Truly amazing levels. Secret entrances and weapons. Best multiplayer console game ever.
What we think
Best shoot 'em up ever. You must play it. 20 huge levels and three difficulties to keep you occupied. Be playing for years. Fun filled blast fest. Stacks to kill. Why haven't you bought it yet?

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▲ Check out the cool explosion. The guards're thrown away from the blast!

▲ Bond makes tracks through the streets in a tank, using huge shells to blast 'em.

Extras

Controller keyring ▶

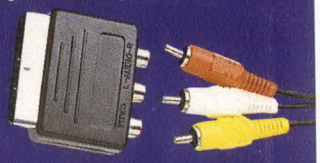
● By: Blaze
● £3.99
Cool keyring which looks just like a controller.

Cleaning kit ▼

● By: Performance
● £9.99
Keep your N64 and game contacts spick and span with this cleaning kit.

Scart AV Cable ▼

● Performance
● £6.99
Will connect to most TV inputs. Makes yer N64 picture super sharp.



Controller extension cable ▼

● Performance
● £9.99
Gives more reach for yer N64 controller.

INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR SOCCER 64 91%

- £34.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

Nintendo Official Magazine AWESOME

What's it about
Arcade football. Play in a cup, league, penalty shoot out or set situations.

What you'll like
Realistic goal celebrations. Great animation. Rock refs. Injuries and bookings. Incredible game play. Scores every time.

Check this out ▼
Smash a goal past yer mate. Then watch that move again smugly in replay mode.

One player
Like watching a real game. Sucks you in. Hard to beat. Takes skill. Brilliant gameplay.

Multiplayer
Awesome. One on one. Two against N64's ace and tough as old boots to beat.

What we think
Easy to get into. Loadsa tricks to learn. Smart tactics and options. Plays a dream. Still one of the best footy sims on the market.

▲ The classic replay mode. We love it!

▲ Take on the world and thrash it 7-0!

INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR SOCCER 98 93%

- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

Nintendo Official Magazine AWESOME

What's it about
Return of one of the '64's fave footy games. Play the world and smash anyone you like.

Check this out ▼
Keepers are rock hard to beat. Been back to school. They'll parry the ball to safety. Or dive onto anything. Scoring's well difficult.

One player
Take on the computer with loads of cool play options.

Multiplayer
Best bit. Play yer mates one on one, or two on two. Superb action. The reason you bought yer '64.

What we think
Same only better. Cool moves. Superb gameplay. Great graphics. The best!

▲ Colombia takes on Italy in a vital cup decider. Veiri attacks the space...

▲ ... or choose to play as England and watch Shearer score a hat trick.

LYLATWARS 91%

- £59.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1

Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✓

Nintendo Official Magazine AWESOME

What's it about
Space shooter. Blast 1,000s of ships. Beat bosses. Control spacecraft and tanks.

What you'll like
Huge aliens. Great control. Brilliant Rumble Pak effects. Awesome visuals.

Check this out ▼
Best bosses ever seen on the '64.

One player
Ace sci-fi game. Like you're in a blockbuster movie. Top levels. Huge aliens and level end bosses. Looks the biz. Ace bonuses.

Multiplayer
Bit lame, you lose each other. Not enough multiplayer levels. Gets better with tanks.

What we think
Lush levels. Movie feel. Great characters. Loads of secrets and sly routes. Top power-ups. Controls're ace. Slick fun.

▲ Gasp in awe at the amazing graphics as the lava monster rises from the depths.

▲ You get a real feeling that you're zooming along in your Landmaster.

HEXEN 64 50%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 6

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Corridor romp. Dungeons & Dragons style spells 'n' swords.

How it plays One player big but boring. A challenge if you can handle poor graphics. Multiplay dross. Levels are crap for Deathmatch.

What we think Crap fuzzy graphics. Poor explosions. Jerky gameplay. Flat boring enemies.

HOLY MAGIC CENTURY 84%

- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Real RPG. Stroll around Celtland. Find the Eletale book. Save everything.

How it plays Loads of adventuring for your cute lil' HMC pal. Scraps fun, but unusual. Use your staff to weave magic spells.

What we think Good RPG for the younger Nintendoid. Older gamers'll find it a doddle.

IGGY'S RECKIN' BALLS 83%

- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Bizarre racer. Strange balls compete to finish 100 levels.

How it plays 100 levels'll keep you goin'. Can get a bit samey, though. Four player starts off immense fun, but won't be a stayer.

What we think Great game. Original. Looks good. Ace characters. Not bad at all.

KILLER INSTINCT GOLD 80%

- £54.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 2

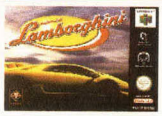
Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about 2D beat 'em up starring loadsa beefed up Nintendo heroes.

How it plays Rock hard characters. Brill battles. Massive combos. Hard to beat. Great two play combo action. Give yer mate a pasting.

What we think Solid beat 'em up. Top moves and combos, but rock to pull off.

LAMBORGHINI 76%



- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Race Lamborghinis around tracks. Win races.

How it plays Fast action. Not much more. Should have big L plate on box. Four way racing's a laff. Motors're cool. Not much of a challenge.

What we think Another very average racing game limps onto the N64.

MACE: THE DARK AGE 79%

- £54.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Gory fist-tastic fighter set in Dark Age. It's beat 'em up mungous!

How it plays Big finishes are cool, but boring after a bit. You'd beat it in a fight. Best played with mates. Still pretty lame, though.

What we think Stunning to look at. But only average gameplay.

N64 Magic

Time again to relive another moment of Nintendo magic!
1080°'s Deadly Fall, there's no snowboard game out there to touch it...

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▲ Head right of the bumps and jumps after the left of the rocks.

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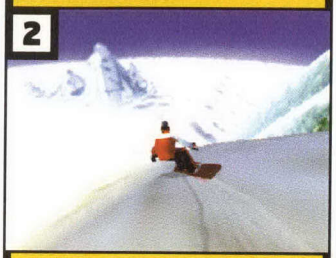

▲ Aim for the centre of the slope and ride up the green ice pole.

3

▲ Now for the good bit. You'll really feel like you're flying off this jump.

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▲ Only the most radical boarders can get through this route!

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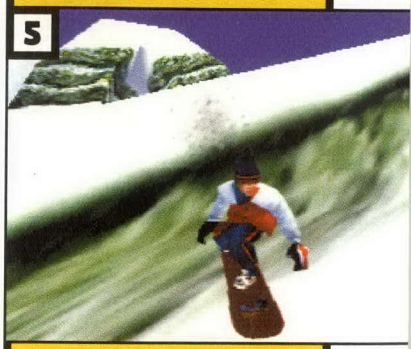


▲ And then breeze through the home straight. Bask in the glory of the N64.

GAME BOY

Cos we're the only magazine to cover **Game Boy**, this is the place to find out about best games and gear...

Monopoly

● £19.99 ● By: Konami

The classic money grabbing board game, Monopoly, is out on Game Boy. This family favourite has made a successful jump from the dining room table to the two inch screen with all the rules of the real game. Good thing is, no-one can cheat.

Game options

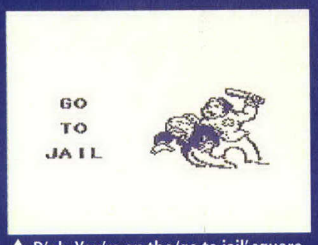
Monopoly can have up too eight players playing, but if you don't have anyone to play against, there's a single player. You can have three computer characters joinin' in the game.

Playing the game

Once you've decided on players, chosen your pieces and decided on a time limit, you can start playing.

The rules of the game are the same, buy property, make loads of lovely lolly.

▲ You can buy all the famous streets...



▲ D'oh. You're on the 'go to jail' square.

▲ ... or put them up for auction so they go to the highest bidder.

▲ Woohoo, pass go and collect 200 quid. Rolling in it baby!

Just like the real thing

There aren't many differences between the board game and Game Boy version.

The board is identical to the original with the famous 'Go to jail' and 'Free parking' squares. You can buy or auction property and build houses and hotels on property you own.

We say

Monopoly is great. If you like the board game then this is a Game Boy masterpiece. **SCORE 84%**

▲ The game board looks identical to the real game.

MISCHIEF MAKERS 74%

● £29.99
● Players 1
● Chart N/A
Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Weird cutesy mix of puzzles 'n' platform action.
How it plays Weird game. You could grow to like its style though. There really is nothing else like it currently on the console.
What we think Tricky to get into. Different but brain-numbing. strictly one player.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 81%

● £39.99
● Players 1
● Chart N/A
Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Spy adventure. Crack puzzles, search levels. Punch women.
How it plays Loads of different challenges. Some levels'll have you tearing your hair out. Others you'll crack first go. Shooting difficult.
What we think Good and varied. Not top blast we hoped. Wanted awesome, got okay.

MK MYTHOLOGIES 36%

● £54.99
● Players 1
● Chart N/A
Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Mortal Kombat action adventure game. In flat 2D!
How it plays Playing in your little sister's wendy house with Ken and Barbie would be more enjoyable. And would make a better game.
What we think Crud graphics. Flat characters. Dodgy gameplay. D'oh!

MK TRILOGY 51%

● £49.99
● Players 1-8
● Chart N/A
Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about It's Earth vs The Outworld in a fight to the death... again.
How it plays Plenty to learn. New moves and specials. It's fast, furious and er, rubbish. Two player's best bit but, it's still crud. Save yer cash.
What we think Crap. 2D flat fighters. Every MK fighter. Hoot de doo. Big deal.

MARIO KART 64 90%

● £49.99
● Players 1-4
● Chart 1
Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about
Awesome remake of one of best games ever. Totally brilliant racing game.
What you'll like
Get tooled up with red shells and whack competition in multiplayer race.
Check this out ▼
Watch out for the flying gophers in Moo Moo Farm. They'll pop up and take you right out.

One player
Best times to beat. Not as addictive as multiplayer tho.
Multiplayer
Short cuts. Techniques. Best times to beat. Not addictive as Goldeneye. But still one of the best multiplayer games on the '64.
What we think
Mario Kart 64 is an awesome race game. Ace four player. Cute 'n' colourful. Characters're brilliant. Pick up and playability tops. Showing its age in slow speed, though.

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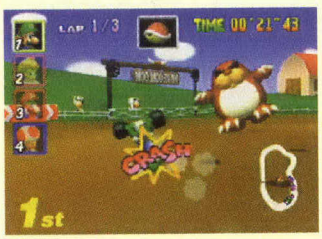

▲ Beware the gophers who'll pop up...

▲ ... and the Thwomps, or you'll be history!

Numbers

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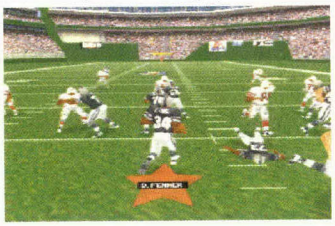
MADDEN FOOTBALL 64 86%

● £54.99
● Players 1-4
● Chart 8
Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Most popular American Football game series ever.
What you'll like Attention to detail is ace. Controls are dead easy to get into.
Check this out ▼ View the play from behind the quarterback. The graphics're ace.



One player Loads of stats and options. All the teams. Great commentary. Realistic.
Multiplayer Plenty of fun. Hard to get good at. Lots of laughs as you learn.
What we think Quarterback Club's better looking. But Madden plays better.

MORTAL KOMBAT 4 90%

● £39.99
● Players 1-15
● Chart 5
Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Need you ask. Return of the most famous beat 'em up ever. And what an N64 come back!
Check this out ▼
Fatalities are better than ever! Scorpion gives his helpless opponent the ol' vindaloo breath finisher. Arms are ripped off and heads explode, too. Altogether tippetty-top stuff.

One player
Loadsa different challenges. Arcade's got five difficulty levels. Scrap yer way through and face the evil Shinnok.
Multiplayer
Good as ever. Special moves and weapon attacks. Up to 15 can play in team mode.
What we think
Can finally forgive MK its dire past. It's released a beat 'em up worthy of the N64.

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▲ Scorpion rips his face off and breathes fire over his beaten opponent. Cool.

▲ Sub Zero pulls off his awesome ice ball special. Reptile better block or he's chilled!

MULTI RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 83%

- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Rally three courses in custom car. Secret cars. Short cuts.
How it plays Three tracks and mirror mode. Bit dull, though. Won't rev your motor. The split screen head to head is fun for a bit.
What we think Not enough courses. Steady racer. Keeps you off the streets.

NBA HANG TIME 75%

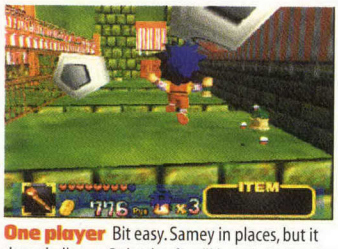
- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Midway's two on two basketball coin-op converted.
How it plays Design your own players. FX are cool. Good team game. You need to love NBA though. Courtside is better.
What we think Hang Time's fun, but graphics're very 2D. Play Courtside, it's better.

MYSTICAL NINJA 88%

- £59.99
- 1 Player
- Chart 2
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Adventure and puzzle solving. Mario meets role play in loopy game.
What you'll like Loads of variety. New spells and weapons. Tricky puzzles.
Check this out ▼ Master yer controller for this game as you skip through the levels.



One player Bit easy. Samey in places, but it does challenge. Role play fans'll love it. And we're looking forward to Goemon 2 already.
What we think 3D could be better. Still top though. Plenty of surprises along the way to keep you amused. Decent enough game.

NAGANO WINTER OLYMPICS 75%

- £59.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Official Winter Olympics game. Seven sports. 16 different countries.
How it plays Pre-set scores and times're impossible to beat. So gets dull. Multiplayer's fun on some events. Crap on others.
What we think Won't last ages. Once you've won gold, challenge fades.

NBA PRO 98 82%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about It's basketball, innit? Slam dunks NBA Hang Time.
How it plays Play a season. Great. Team game plays really well. Score flash Slam Dunks. Rub a mate's nose in it!
What we think Very good. Was the best basketball sim, 'til Courtside slammed on in.

NHL BREAKAWAY 98 88%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 8
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Serious ice hockey sim. More tactics than Gretzky games.
What you'll like It's ultra realistic. Run team for a season and deal with injuries.
Check this out ▼ Graphics aren't too sharp. Animation is really realistic.

One player Seasons take ages. Loads to do. More than just an ice battle.
Multiplayer Fun one off multiplayer game. Best to play a season for full effect.
What we think Plays great and content's massive. Loads of management.

NBA COURTSIDE 89%

- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 5
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Play a season. Make the play offs. Take to the court and pound yer mates.
What you'll like Brilliant gameplay. Very real. Excellent detail in players and sound.
Check this out ▼ Best looking b'ball game ever. Mad action that looks brill.

One player B'ball fans'll be hooked. Draw your curtains, sit down, play a season.
Multiplayer Fast and furious. Amazing gameplay. Plays so sweet, you'll love it.
What we think Better than average sports sim. Love b'ball? Courtside's massive.

PILOTWINGS 64 84%

- £39.99
- Players 1
- Chart 3
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✗

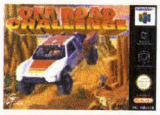
What's it about Fly aircraft, hang-gliders, 'copters round islands. Earn your pilot's licence.
How it plays More you put in, more you get out. Loads of new stuff to find. Needs a little patience, but does reward.
What we think Slow but beautiful. Brill once it's got you. And it will.

ROBOTRON 64 80%

- £54.99
- Players 1
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about All action blaster where you have to destroy millions of robots.
How it plays Graphics don't push N64. Loads of levels to fight through. Good retro gaming fun. But you'll tire quickly.
What we think Game is well fast. You'll be bored before the end. Not a bad conversion.

OFF ROAD CHALLENGE 68%



- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Off roading in chunky trucks and souped up racers. Win cash.
How it plays Only six tracks, so you'll finish before tea, and have time for yer homework. Only four motors to choose in two player. Snore...
What we think Six tracks. Only two player. Wanna know what we think? V-Rally's out soon.

OLYMPIC HOCKEY 82%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 5
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Same as Wayne Gretzky 98, but now features countries, not NHL teams.
How it plays Ages to complete. Plenty of options for longer play. Great for four. Try it two a side for war. Best of 'em!
What we think Was the best when it came out, but has been bettered. Pretty good though.

RAMPAGE 53%

- £44.99
- Players 1-3
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Hitting buttons, bashing buildings, eating pesky humans.
How it plays Wear yer fingers out bashing buttons. Team up with yer mates. Climb buildings. Smash stuff. Put it back in the box.
What we think Looks okay, but'll grip like a Tefal frying pan. Truly deserves its low score.

SAN FRANCISCO RUSH 74%

- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 6
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Thrash around San Fran in cars. Rack up points. Find secret routes.
How it plays Frustrating. Annoying. Sluggish control and badly designed tracks. Fun but no skill. Waste of money.
What we think Sloppy handling. Bit of a crap coin-op conversion.

NFL QUARTERBACK CLUB 98 90%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 4
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Scrap in the Superbowl or just play normal American footy. Your choice.
What you'll like
Stunning graphics. Great gameplay. Bone crunching tackles. Feel the impact.
Check this out ▼
The graphics are some of the best that you'll see in a sports sim.
One player
Win a season. It's a rock hard challenge.
Multiplayer
Awesome four player. Score touch downs. Batter friends.
What we think
The best looking American footy game you can get. But it's not just a pretty face. Go on your own, or mash your mates. Hut, hut, hut! It's brilliant bone crunchin' fun.

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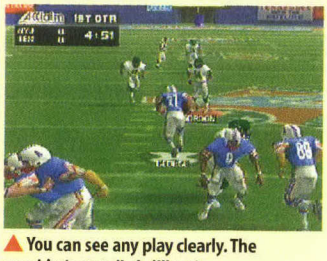
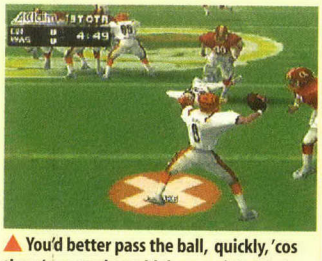


▲ You can see any play clearly. The graphics're totally brilliant!



▲ You'd better pass the ball, quickly, 'cos there're some huge blokes comin' atcha!

QUAKE 88%

- £49.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Explore dungeons. Kill tons of monsters with rock hard weapons.
What you'll like Creeping along corridors waiting for surprise attacks. The adrenaline flows.
Check this out ▼ These monsters'll scare the heebie geebies outta ya!

One player Big, smart levels. Huge weapons. Monsters and sounds'll make you wet yourself.
Two player Real laff. Smile then blow a mate away. Frag his sorry butt!
What we think Great game. You must play it. You'll love it. It's fragging brilliant!

SILICON VALLEY 82%

- £49.99
- Players 1
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Bizarre puzzler. Play as microchip and jump into different animals.
How it plays It's big. In fact, it's blinkin' huge. But will you care? This game's different, but so different that you could tire very quickly.
What we think In development for ever, so should have been awesome. It wasn't. Shame.

SNOWBOARD KIDS 81%

- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Cute snowboard sim. Comedy characters and loadsa cool pick-ups.
How it plays Not enough challenge. Different characters are fun... for a bit. Different weapons make multiplayer fun.
What we think Not enough courses. You'll get bored quickly. Shame.

High street deals

It's always worth shopping around before you buy your N64 stuff. You could save loadsa money by finding the cheapest shop in the high street.

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The best bundle deal ever, and N64s are selling in lorry loads! The deal is: Nintendo console, plus controller and either Goldeneye, or Super Mario 64, for £99.98. How cool is that! ▼

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1. 1080° Snowboarding
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3. Mission Impossible
4. WWF Warzone
5. ISS98
6. Banjo Kazooie
7. Super Mario 64
8. Goldeneye 007
9. Star Wars SotE
10. Waialae Golf

My Top Ten

Here's the current top ten, but what are your all time Nintendo faves? Drop us a line with yours and we'll send this top Joytech stuff, a Controller Plus 64 and a Jolt Pak with memory, from HMV.

This month's winner? Why it's **Nick Jacobs** from Kent, of course.

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SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE 74%

- £39.99
- 1 Player
- Chart 6
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Star Wars space game. Fly spaceships. Fight Stormtroopers.
How's it play Levels are hit and miss. You'll still love playing to the end. No multiplayer. D'oh! Only for those with a deep love of Star Wars.
What we think Different game styles confusing. But if you love Star Wars...

TETRISPHERE 83%

- £29.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 7
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✗

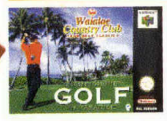
What's it about 3D Tetris battling block shuffler. Strain your brain.
How's it play Plenty to keep you busy. Five different games. Head to heads vs computer. Excellent two player. Different styles of game.
What we think Tough challenge. Loads of levels. But bit dull for N64.

VIRTUAL CHESS 64%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Move. Move. Move. Move. Check. Move. Move. Move. Move. Checkmate...
How's it play Chess fans'll adore it. Everyone else in the world'll prefer plucking nose hair. Up to four players. Why?
What we think For the cash you'd be better off buying a Star Wars set.

WAIALAE GOLF 64%



- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 3
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Have a nice round of golf. Pitch 'n' putt. Press the Ⓐ button for ever.
How's it play Only one course. You'll finish the whole game in ninety minutes. Multi same as one player, only you take it in turns to pitch.
What we think Golf ain't the world's most exciting game. And yer '64 agrees... Snore.

SUPER MARIO 64 92%

- £49.99
- 1 Player
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about
The ultimate Mario platformer. Loads of secrets. Sub games. Huge baddies. Amazing 3D!
What you'll like
Everything! Amazing mini games.
Check this out ▼
Big Bowser! You run into him three times in the game. He's bigger and badder'n ever.

One player
Challenging and brill. Mouth gapingly good. Mario looks better than ever before, with gameplay that'll keep you coming back for more. And more, and more...
What we think
Amazing. Loaded with secret levels and puzzles. Pure N64 gold. Was the highest scoring N64 game... 'Til Banjo Kazooie came along and took its crown as best N64 platformer.

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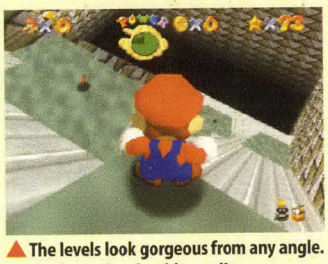
▲ Big Bowser in all his 3D glory. He's just a great big baby, really.



▲ The levels look gorgeous from any angle. Don't slip, porky plumbing pal!

1080° SNOWBOARDING 90%

- £39.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Snowboard down the best looking slopes ever seen on a console. Pull off amazing tricks.
Check this out ▼
The 1080° air trick. Totally rock to pull off. You've gotta be a gaming genius to do it.
One player
Fiendishly difficult courses. Three levels of difficulty. Should keep you occupied for weeks 'n' weeks.
Two player
Race yer mate down your choice of slope. Fight dirty and take short cuts to win. Well competitive. You'll blinkin' love it.
What we think
Worth the wait. And what a long wait it was. Coolest game to hit the '64 yet. Gameplay's tops, looks gorge and it's, like, totally radical! One of the best looking games ever.

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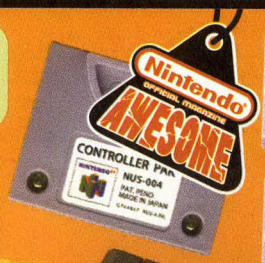
▲ Yes ladies and gentlemen, we present the 1080°. Can you handle it?

▲ Take on yer mate in a brilliant and brutal two player race. There can be only one!

We've tested all these **Memory Paks**

256K is smaller than 1 Meg. 1 Meg is smaller than 4 Meg. So the bigger the memory, the more saves you can make.



Nintendo Controller Pak
● £14.99 ● 256K
Solid quality. It's Nintendo, it's the best. Nuff said.

1 Meg Ultra 64 Memory Pak
● Blaze ● 1 Meg
● £14.99
Six colours. Good Pak. Solid.

Ultra 64 Memory Pak
● Blaze
● 256K
● £9.99
Good quality Pak. Loadsa colours.

Memory Card Plus
● Joy Tech
● £12.99
● 1 Meg
Up to 492 saves. Many colours.

N64 Memory Card
● Spectra Video
● £6.99 ● 256K
Cheap and cheerful.

N64 Memory Card
●Spectra Video
●£12.99 ●1 Meg
Big memory. Good.

LX4 Memory Pak
●LMP ●£9.99
●256K
Pricey for amount of saves. Only okay value.

LX4 Memory Pak
●LMP ●£17.99
●1 Meg
Pricey, but a pretty good buy.

best of the rest

1 Meg Memory card
● Joytech
● £9.99
Good value card.

256K Memory card
● Joytech
● £7.99
Different colours.

1 Meg Memory
● Datel ● 1 Meg
● £14.99
Six colours. Sturdy Pak. Worth a look.

4 Meg Memory
● Datel ● 4 Meg
● £29.99
Massive memory. Big price.

TOP GEAR RALLY 85%

● £39.99
● Players 1-2
● Chart S
Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Burn around rally courses in awful weather. Get yer tyres muddy.
What you'll like Real handling. Realistic driving simulation. Big challenge.
Check this out ▼ Brilliant cars, gorgeous tracks and ace weather effects.

One player Got no mates? Play split screen against computer. Get low down 'n' dirty!
Multiplayer The graphics are still great. Less detail. Always dark or foggy.
What we think Cool, well rounded driving game. Loads of cars and set-ups. Lots to do.

TUROK 87%

● £39.99
● 1 Player
● Chart 2
Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Like Doom, but with dinosaurs. Loads to see and blast away at.
What you'll like Heaps of really cool weapons. Loads to kill.
Check this out ▼ Look at the size of that dinosaur! And it's armed and dangerous.

One player Turok's tough. It takes ages. But one of the better games to launch the N64 with. Turok 2 is much better though. See below.
What we think It's good but there are better. The settings are nicely done, and the soundtrack helps the adrenaline to flow freely.

TUROK 2 94%

● £39.99
● Players 1-4
● Chart N/A
Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Return of one of the N64's best shoot 'em ups. Blast dinosoids and watch blood splatter.
What you'll like Ace high res graphics. Same excellent Turok shoot 'em up action.
Check this out ▼
Dinosoid nasties writhe around for ages, spurtin' blood everywhere.

Nintendo AWESOME

One player
This game is huge. With loads of different challenges and bosses harder than your older brother.
Multiplayer
Totally cool. There's deathmatch, team and an excellent Flag Tag mode. Good as Goldeneye.
What we think
Big improvement on the original. Looks superb with the Expansion Pak. Loads to blast and kill.

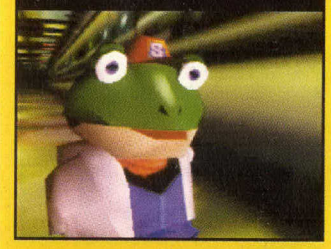
▲ Hit 'em right and blood shoots everywhere. You can even take arms off.

▲ Best graphics of any game with the Expansion Pak. They look blinkin' gorgeous!

Famous five Frog chorus

Our five fave froggy friends. There are loads on Nintendo.

Slippy
LylatWars



Toads
Diddy Kong Racing

Frog Knights
Holy Magic Century

The French team
World Cup 98

Fibbits **Banjo Kazooie**

WAR GODS 63%

- £54.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Deformed mutants fight it out in the '64's first 3D beat 'em up. Not sure why.
How's it play Like the sad school bully. Looks tough, but is a complete pansy. Midway followed dire MK Trilogy with this. Double d'oh!
What we think Couldn't fight it's way out of a wet paper bag. With a machine gun.

WAVERACE 64 83%

- £39.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 1

Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Ride super powered jet skis. Race around water courses. Pull stunts.
How's it play Loads of challenge. Time Attack. Stunts. Mirror tracks. Loadsa life. Excellent multiplayer fun! Smash a mate into the drink.
What we think Original and fun. Loaded with features. Control takes time to learn.

Rental Chart

N64 UK Chart

BLOCKBUSTER

1. Mission Impossible
2. F1 World Grand Prix
3. WWF Warzone
4. ISS 98
5. Banjo Kazooie
6. Goldeneye 007
7. GT 64 Championship
8. World Cup 98
9. Wetrix
10. Fighters Destiny

Cool rentals

Not every game is good enough to earn our Awesome award. But it doesn't mean it isn't a good buy. It's always worth renting a title to make sure you love it before you hand over your hard earned.

We think you should grab WCW/NWO Revenge, F1 WGP or Buck Bumble for a couple of evenings. Or better still, give Body Harvest a blast. ▼

▲ Rent a kill! Splat bugs to your heart's content with Body Harvest.

N64 Joypads We've tested all these pads out

Nintendo's official pad rules, though some of these here may work better in fighting or shooting games.

Also, if you're a left-hander, you'll find some are more comfortable to use than others.

▲Makopad
- Interact
- £24.99

Cool pad for left handers. Good for shooters.

▶Official N64 controller
- Nintendo
- £19.99

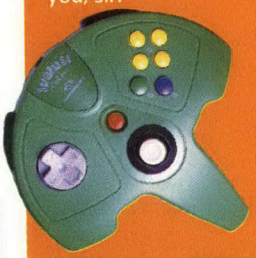
They invented it. It's the very best. And it's cheap now!

▼Superpad 64
- Interact
- £19.99

Great for left handers into fighters. Suits you, sir!

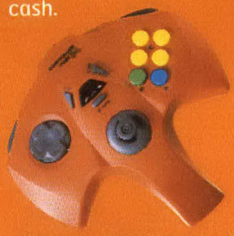
▶Trident Pad
- Spectra Video
- £19.99

Cheap, but works well enough for yer cash.



▲Sharkpad Pro 64
- Interact
- £29.99

Ace 3D Stick. Great for platformers.



▼Manta Ray
- Nu Gen
- £19.99

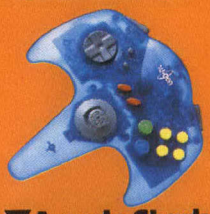
Name sounds ace and the controller looks the biz. Cool see through effect. Plays better'n average.

▼Superpad 64 Plus
- Interact
- £19.99

Okay pad, not much more than that. Plays pretty good. Fairly cheap.

▲Controller Plus 64
- Joytech
- £19.99

Feels solid but 3D Stick poor. Good for Racing games, beat 'em ups. Big buttons a bonus.



▲Trident Pro Pad
- Spectra Video
- £24.99

Looks like the Trident Pad, but isn't. Has more buttons you see!

▼Arcade Shark
- Interact
- £39.99

Pricey, but amazing for beat 'em ups. Love 'em. Love this!

▶G64 Controller
- LMP
- £17.99-£19.99

In Grey, Black or Clear with red, blue or green circuit boards. Handles well, 3D Stick not bad.

best of the rest

▲Competition Pro
- Powerplay
- £29.99

Good D-pad and four shoulder buttons.

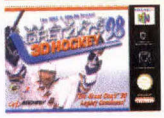
WAYNE GRETZKY'S 3D HOCKEY 80%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 5

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about All action ice hockey sim. Gretzky stars, helped make game.
How's it play Ages to complete. Plenty of options for longer play. Multiplay great for four. Try it two a side for war.
What we think One of the best ice hockey sims, but we like Olympic Hockey better.

WAYNE GRETZKY'S 3D HOCKEY 98 81%



- £44.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✓
Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about Hockey. Play a season. Win the cup. Thrash Wayne Gretzky. Thrash yer mates.
How's it play Set yourself up for a full season. Get bored, drop it halfway, take on yer mates and take 'em to the cleaners. Five on five.
What we think Strong addition to Wayne Gretzky team. If you like that kind of thing.

WCW/NWO REVENGE 90%

- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A

Memory Pak ✗
Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Return of the wrestling, pummelling, ring leaders. Pound yer mates to mush.
What you'll like
Good old over the top game play. Ref jumps out and counts the holds down.
Check this out ▼
Wrestling, ninja style. DAW league has ninjas.

One player
Take your pick of gruntin' grapplers from WCW, NWO, DAW and EWF leagues. Make your opponents eat canvas.
Multiplayer
Usual wrestling giggle. Battle Royal still there, for top four player wrestling action.
What we think
Good update to popular game. Graphics sharper, gameplay better and fun's still there.

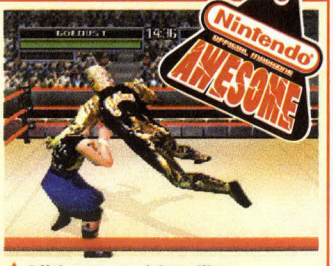
▲ Pull of a special move and your opponent'll be chewing on raw canvas!

▲ Get yer mate in a hold and squeeze 'til he turns blue. The ref'll count down the time.

WWF WARZONE 90%

- £49.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart N/A
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about
Giant grapplin' madness. Kick seven shades of poo outta your opponents. Beat up yer mates.
What you'll like
Everything. Pick chairs up and brain opponents. Kickin' special moves.
Check this out ▶
The fight'll spill out of the ring, so pick up a chair and bash your opponent with it!
One player
Loads of top fight options. Take the big challenge. Or just one on one in the cage.
Multiplayer
Mental. It's a right royal rumble. Play tag or all pile in at once. Canvas slammin' fun. Throw, choke, hold, bash. Excellent.
What we think
Lightning fast action and excellent combos. It's mental, but much more'n just button bashing. Looks great, too. Bone-crushin', tendon-stretchin', chinese-burnin' fun.



▲ Off the ropes and down like a hundredweight on yer mate's head.

▲ Grab a chair and knock yer mate's brains out. Go on, he won't mind a bit.

WETRIX 88%

- £39.99
- Players 1-2
- Chart 5
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Make lakes, earn points and big bonuses for deep lakes. House ducks.
What you'll like Tetris with ace 3D graphics. Sorting your strategy for high scores.
Check this out ▼ Cool rainbow multiplier that shoots your scores into orbit.

One player Addictive. Gorgeous graphics. Once you to get high scores you'll be addicted.
Two player There is a multiplayer option. Unlike the single player, it's a bit wet.
What we think Ace. Pure N64 playability. So play it! You don't know what you're missing.

WORLD CUP 98 91%

- £39.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✓
- Rumble Pak ✗

What's it about
Official footy game for the World Cup.
What you'll like
Play as your fave world side, win the Cup and then lift that trophy. Cool to beat a mate, too.
Check this out ▼
Ace tricks like the Rainbow kick to beat players with. You can take a dive, too. The levels of gameplay are superb. Tricks 'n' flicks're a beaut!
One player
Bit easy on amateur. Gameplay's absolutely brill.
Multiplayer
Play as England, your mate can be Argentina, then kick his butt.
What we think
Much better than older brother RttWC. Controls really work well. Top multiplayer, too.

▲ The Rainbow kick flicks it over and past the opposing player.

▲ It's an open goal, the boy's certain to score. Give it some blummin' welly boy!

YOSHI'S STORY 88%

- £39.99
- 1 Player
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about Six Mario dinosaur buddies team up to deal with Baby Bowser.
What you'll like Discover secret levels and challenges hidden away.
Check this out ▼ Yoshi's army of cute pals who turn up to give him a hand. Top choons.

One player Beat Baby Bowser and there's still loads to do. Go through level and find all the secret Yoshis. Still challenges weeks on, to find every heart and melon.
What we think Old fashioned look, but it doesn't affect the gameplay.

WCW VS NWO 86%

- £54.99
- Players 1-4
- Chart 2
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

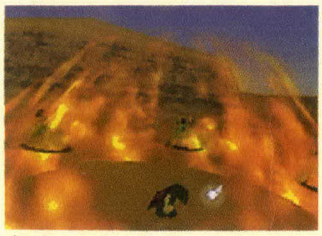
What's it about Big men in silly outfits beat the hell out of each other in fab 3D.
What you'll like Every wrestling favourite. Over forty fighters! Huge bundle!
Check this out ▼ Mass bundles in the Battle Royal and loads of weapons to bash with.

One player Plenty of competitions. Loadsa moves. Keep wrestle mongers happy.
Multiplayer WCW Vs NWO is best when there's four of you going head to head in a major brawl.
What we think For wrestling fans. Suffers slow down. But still rocks.

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA OCARINA OF TIME 97%

- £44.99
- Players 1
- Chart 1
- Memory Pak ✗
- Rumble Pak ✓

What's it about
Play as little elf Link, in his quest to save Princess Zelda from the cluches of Ganondorf.
What you'll like
You'll savour every single second. Pure N64 magic. Ground breaking and beautiful.
Check this out ▼
Link can use magical attacks to roast his foes.
One player
Biggest game on planet Nintendo. Plays in real time. Night follows day. And the longer you play, the older Link becomes.
What we think
Look at the score! It is without a doubt the best game in the world ever! Take our word for it, there is nothing better out there. Huge, beautiful, brilliant and plays a dream. You have to get hold of this game!



▲ Fairy fire deals with a group of evil dudes. Don't napalm smell good!

▲ Evil triffids pop out of the ground to menace our teeny hero. Weed kill 'em!

N64 Magic

The N64 has so many great moments so let's see another one.
Shinnoks brutal second fatality is superb. Let's see that in an instant replay.

1

▲ 'Finish him' is the message and Shinnok bursts into flames.

2

▲ Two bone hands appear while Reptile floats in the air.

3

▲ Splat! Reptile's squished and blood flys everywhere.

4

▲ The hands open to reveal the bloody mess that was Reptile.

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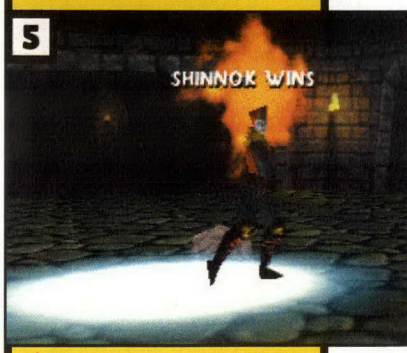

▲ Shinnok reappears to celebrate his winning Fatality.

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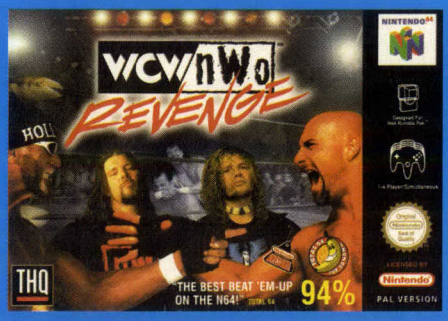

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Banjo Kazooie

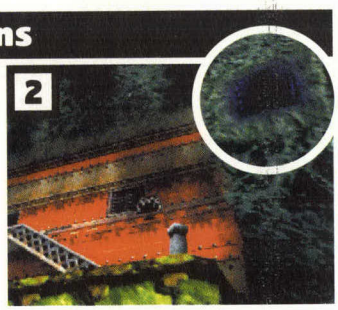
The location of every sneaky spell book

Forget Paddington, forget Winnie, forget even Yogi! Banjo the bear is now THE bear about town!

Here are the locations of the three Cheato spell books. Grab 'em, they're vital.

Spell book locations

▲ (1) Bubblegloop Swamp. As lil' croc, leave level, go to snow behind and through small gap. (2) Mad Monster Mansion, turn to pumpkin. Thru hole behind Brentilda.



▲ (3) Raise water in Rusty Bucket Bay entrance. Bash switch behind grate in pool room behind 460 note door. 30 sec timer, swim under to RB Bay entrance to find hole.

NFL Blitz

Supreme American footy gameplay

Just one look at this game in motion'll tell you that it's a great laugh to play. And it's so good lookin' you'll be on it for days.

Anyone got an American Football rulebook? I wanna learn how to do it!

Big heads

▲ At last Match up screen before playing, press Z twice and ▶ three times, then hit ▶.

Fast passes

▲ At the last Match up screen before playing, press Z twice, ▼ five times then hit ◀. Hey, Speedy Gonzales!

Mission Impossible

The UK PAL cheats. These'll work!

Okay my cheating beauties, Mission's rock hard, so to get a helping hand, use a mirror to read these ace cheats. No-one'll mind...

The codes for the US Mission cart were changed for the UK version. D'oh! So if you're having trouble, try these beauties.

These codes DEFINITELY work. Do 'em at Level Select screen, where it says Ice Hit / Recover NOC List etc. We've got a lovely lil' bunch including invincibility and infinite ammo. And you'll need 'em!

Invincibility

▲ You will react when shot, but none of your health will be taken away. Press Z, ▼, A, A at Level Select screen. Ethan'll say 'there that's better'.

Loadsa ammo

▲ This'll give you as much ammo as you like with whatever weapon you're in possession of. At Level Select screen press A, Z, ◀, Z, ◀.

Rockets

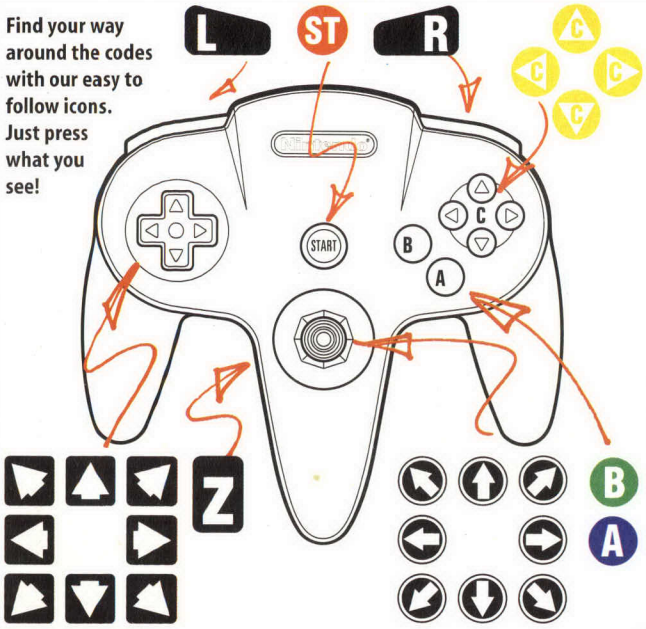
▲ At Level Select screen, press A, L, ◀, ▶, ▼. Ethan'll say 'there, that's better'. Now just start yer game, you'll have a lovely launcher.

Giant heads

▲ At Level Select screen, press ▼, L, A, ▶, Z. On me 'ead son! When you start the game, the characters'll be a load of ol' big heads!

Controller Icons

Find your way around the codes with our easy to follow icons. Just press what you see!



WWF Warzone

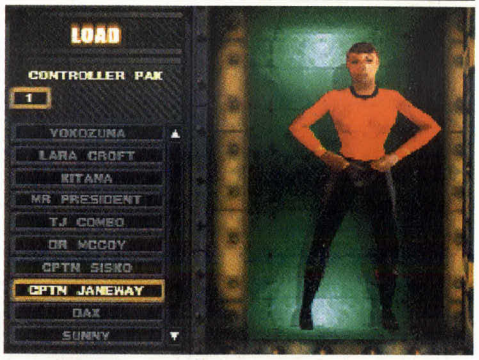
More secrets for this gorgeous giant grappler

Don't tell yer mates! Let 'em do it the hard way!

See page 78 to find out how to play as Turok and Mike Tyson! But here's how to really tailor your bashing buddies!

▶ Beat the Challenge with Kane to get more clothes in the Create A Wrestler mode. Then make your man sharp!

Extra clothes



Get dizzy!

▲ In Custom or Biographies mode, hold L + R for about five seconds and your wrestler'll spin and get dizzy.

Play as Pamela

▲ Win the WWF title as Sue to be able to select Pamela as a playable character in the custom wrestler mode.

Call for back-up

This is a way of getting yer wrestling mates to help you out during a battle. We printed first half last ish, here's the rest of 'em.

Remember though, do this and you'll get disqualified.

Characters	Hit to call for back-up
Rocky Maivia	L + R + Z + A + ▶
Steve Austin	L + R + Z + A + ▲
British Bulldog	L + R + Z + A + ◀
Ken Shamrock	L + R + Z + A + ▼
Goldust	L + R + Z + B + ▶
Shawn Michaels	L + R + Z + B + ◀
Faarooq	L + R + Z + B + ▲
Kane	L + R + Z + B + ▼

1080° Snowboarding

Grab yer boards duders, for more radical extras

It's on the streets now, it's only forty quid and it earned our Awesome award. Go geddit. Whaddaya waitin' for?

Here are a few pointers on how to get the cool secret characters. Our fave's the Crystal boarder, you can see the amazing scenery straight through him. Wonder what he had for breakfast?

Fast start

▲ After the announcer has told you to 'Go!', tap the 3D Stick forward twice and your boarder will jump forward a little and zoom off quicker.

Crystal boarder

▲ Match Race. Clear Expert. Now, on Character Select screen go to Akari. Press ◀ then A. If done right she'll change to Crystal Boarder.

Metal boarder

▲ Win Expert Race with Crystal Boarder. Highlight Kensuke on Character Select. Press ▲ then A. If done right, the Metal boarder will be waiting at track screen.

Panda

▲ Beat Extra mode. Replace all scores in Trick, Time and Contest with yer own name. Highlight Rob in Character Select. Press ▶ then A. You take to the slopes with a cute 'n' cuddly panda dude!

F1 WGP

Bonus track to thrash

Everyone loves Michael Schumacher, and he's the biggest cheeky cheater in the business. Use a mirror and win like him!

Bonus Track

As this is a PROPER Formula 1 sim, it's not like other racers.

Here's how to get the Bonus Track and not have to finish Grand Prix.

◀ Get Williams driver. Change surname to VACATION. Exit to start screen. Now start Exhibition and Bonus Hawaii track'll be there.

Nintendo Official 5 Top Tips

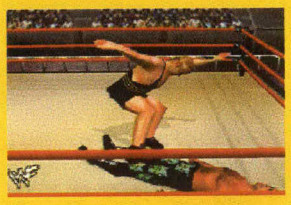
They're heeere! A famous five that are much more fun than a load of posh kids catching robbers! Just don't cheer TOO loud when you get 'em, OK?!

Bio Freaks

First person view
1P Vs CPU only. Start battling, hold ◀ then press ST.
Hold ▼ and press ST to get normal view back again.

Warzone

Play as Trainer
Go into Training Room and select any move. You'll then get a message saying the Trainer is now a playable character. Take to the ring.

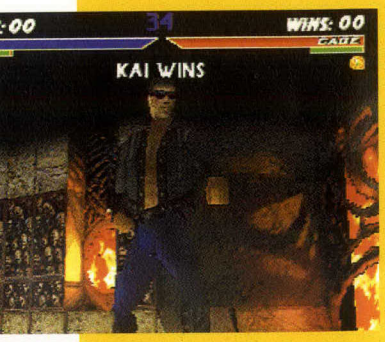


F1 WGP

Gold racer
Go to Williams driver with name that can be edited. Change surname to 'Pyrite'. Press B 'til back at Start screen then enter Exhibition.

MK 4

New costumes
At Character Select screen, hold ST and press A one to three times to get up to three extra cossies for yer character. Cool threads, dude!



Goldeneye

Make 'em talk faster!
When you're going for the time cheats, waiting for either Valentin or Mishkin to finish talking takes ages.
Well just keep tapping ST to make 'em go faster. Sorted!

BOGUS BONUS

Play as Mario in 1080°!
Some stoopid people are now spreading the rumour that you can play as Mario by doing certain tricks in special places on 'Match Race' mode.
Don't even think about THIS one working snow dudes!

F-Zero X

All cars, tracks and cups

Tame the fastest game in the world by using a mirror to find out the best F-Zero X cheats in the business. Then go win.

The everything code!

THE multiplay racer to beat 'em all is here at last!
Play this and you'll have to be crowbarred off yer '64!

◀ At game select screen, press L, Z, R, A, ▼, ◀, ▶, ST. You should hear a chime if you did it correctly.

Wetrix

Wet patches were never so cool!

New pieces

Paint the whole screen with a rainbow! Sing along!

▶ Complete practice. Get OK rating in all modes except Practice / Multiplay. You'll have a green background.
Click on new icon that appears for new pieces.

Iggy's Reckin' Balls

Level and character select

Have you got the balls to be a top cheating chancer? Use a mirror to discover these cheats and go reck the game!

It's all a load of balls! And it's well painful being bashed by 'em! But with a game like this, you'll be back for more reckin, again and again!

Level select

▲ Open cheat screen by pressing R + Z at Game Select screen. Then type in THEUNIVERSE for all worlds. Type in HAPPYHEADS for all characters.

More cheats

▲ At cheat screen, type in JUMPAROUND for level select, GOLFHARRIS for pen and ink mode and NONSTOP for unlimited turbos.

Play God!

You'll need a mirror to find out these cheats. But gamers'll worship you!

Four invincibility cheats. Who wants to live forever? WE DO! And you can, easy!
Here are four ways to keep on going in yer games no matter how much you get hit.

Goldeneye 007
Go to Facility on 00 Agent setting, complete the level in under 2 minutes and 5 seconds. Go into cheats menu to turn it on.

Forsaken
At the Press Start screen, hit A, Z twice, ▲, ◀, ▶ twice then ▼.

Duke Nukem
At Main Menu screen, hit ◀, ▼, L twice, ▲, ▶, ◀, ▲. Then R, ▶, R, L, R 3 times then ◀. Go into Cheat Menu to turn it on.

Turok, Dinosaur Hunter
In the enter cheats screen, input RBNSMTH. You are a god.

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Tell us your New Way 2 Play and you too can have loadsa controllers! Just write in, it's easy!

WWF Warzone

WARIO'S WINNER! Trevor Manderley, Woking

Play as Turok or Mike Tyson!

Warzone hasn't got as many wrestlers as last month's launch WCW / NWO Revenge, but you can make up nearly anyone!

Here's a way to make your scrapper talk, and play as Tyson or Turok.

Mike Tyson

▲ Looks like Tyson's going straight for Mosh's ears. Perhaps he's a bit peckish... **Gender:** Male, **Skin Colour** 2 (66), **Skin Type** (Ripped), **Body type:** average, **Head: Face** 1, **Hair:** Crew Cut, **Upper Body: Shirt:** DgenerationX, **Lower Body: Pants:** Denim, **Shoes:** Black 2, **Name: Alias:** Mike Tyson, **Moves:** Austin, **Personality:** Rule Breaker, **Theme Music:** Triple H.

Turok

▲ **Gender:** Male, **Skin Colour:** 1, **Skin Type:** Ripped, **Body type:** Average, **Head: Face:** 5, **Hair:** Crew Cut, **Accessories:** Headband, **Upper Body: Accessories:** Vest, **Lower Body:** Pants: Denim, **Accessories:** Chaps, Boots: Brown, **Name: First:** Joshua, **Last:** Fireseed, **Alias:** Turok, **Moves:** Pit Scorpion, **Personality:** Fan Favourite, **Theme Music:** Wonderguy.

Make yer player talk!

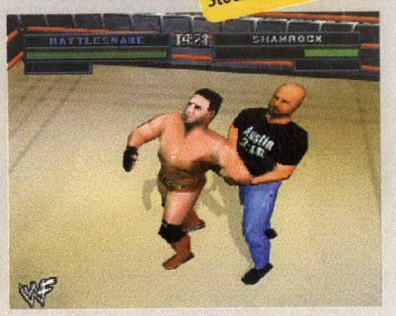
TIP FROM! Barry Peacock, Stockton on Tees

WWF Warzone definitely deserves our Awesome award.

We're still finding out things about it, thanks to you, our expert gaming readers! Here's a good wind up, to make yer mates mad!

▶ In a fight, press Ⓑ + Ⓡ, your wrestler will say summink!

Phrases range from Steve Austin's, 'You're gonna get yer ass whipped!' to Shaun Michael's, 'I'm gonna dance all over yer face!'



ISS 98

TIP FROM! Thomas Charnok, Manchester

Score with wicked corners!

You don't only have to whack balls into goal with Ⓑ after a cross. There's a better, and flashier way!

1

▲ This works from a corner or crossing into the area play. Cross ball in direction of your best forward.

2

▲ With ball flying to yer player, hold ◀. You'll pull off a fantastic volley or control on your chest. So shoot with Ⓑ.

Goldeneye 007

TIP FROM! John King, N London

Complete Train on 00 Agent easily

Here's a dead easy way to get enough time to complete the Train.

▶ Get to last carriage. Edge forward and go right, far as you can. Don't go too far in or the shutters'll go down and Alec'll run away.

Now you'll have a clear sight of Ourumov and Xenia in the same line of fire. Take 'em out easily and breeze to the end of level.

Banjo Kazooie

WARIO'S WINNER! Kevin Thomas, Wallasey

Infinite everything!

After you've grabbed the Spell books, enter these cheats on the Sandcastle floor in Treasure Trove Cove to get these features.

▲ For infinite lives, spell out CHEATLOTSOFGOESWITHMANYBANJOS. CHEATDONTBEADUMBOGOSEEMUMBO will award you with 99 Mumbo Tokens.

▲ CHEATANENERGYBARTOGETYOUFAR will fill your energy bar to its maximum. CHEATNOWYOUCANFLYHIGHINTHESKY'll give you infinite red feathers.

Hot Game Help

You can ask Al any Nintendo quessie you like. He loves showing off his knowledge! Alex C is the tips KING!

Mace: The Dark Age

I have no execution moves for any players. Please may I have some?
Ben Andrew, St Ives

■ But of course! Remember, for all these moves character is facing right.
Takeshi ▶, ▼, ◀, ▼, ▶ + Ⓐ (when close to opponent).
Xiao Long ◀, ▶, ◀, ▶ + Ⓐ (close).
Al Rashid ◀, ▼, ▶, ◀ + Ⓐ.
Namira ▼, ▼, ◀, ▶, Ⓑ (close).

▲ Execution, Mace style. Take 'em out.

Mission Impossible

I can't get the cheats you printed to work. I do them on the screen that says 'Ice Hit', is this right?
Shaun Bird, Ipswich

■ Yes, you're right, and we were wrong! We usually work a good few weeks in advance and at the time we had no UK Mission copy, just an American one to test cheats on.

Usually codes don't change for UK versions but this time they did. So ours didn't work. Have no fear though, see Official Tips page 74 for ones that DO work. Here's a few more.

Turbo mode
At level select screen, hit Ⓐ, Z, Ⓐ, Z, Ⓐ.

Cartoon mode
At level select screen, hit ▼, ▼, Z, Ⓐ, R.

Mystical Ninja Starring Goemon

I have received Sasuke the Mechanical Ninja but I can't find his batteries. Where are they?
Matthew Geraghty, N Wales

■ Go past Zazen town, thru door with kid in front. Past cracked doors to last wooden door, thru to Izumo Hill and to next door. Into desert stage. First batteries are in pond here.

Exit desert to a hill. Go to top of red house. Climb the tree inside it and, as Ebisumaru, take a photo at the top of the tree to get the other batteries.

Banjo Kazooie

How do I get the Jiggy in Mad Monster Mansion in the house with the green ghost on the table?
Vincent Moorcroft, E London

■ The ghost is called Napper and yes, you'll disturb him if you walk on the creaky floorboards. Climb up his house's big drainpipe then across to the chimney. Drop down it then jump across chairs so you don't disturb him.

▲ For Napper's gold, go down the chimney.

I got to Gruntilda using your tips book. I'm on the Jinjonator and in your book it says shoot one egg in each hole and do it again to finish the job. I shot three eggs in each hole and nothing happened. Please help me.
Chris Atkins, Northampton

■ You're doing it right, but not exactly right. Shoot eggs into each hole 'til you hear a chime, then go back to the first and do it again in order.

▲ All wrestlers are ol' big heads.

WWF Warzone

Could you tell me if there are any cheats for WWF Warzone?
Scott Hampton, Bognor Regis

■ There aren't any cheats that give you secret characters or extra features easily, but here are a few normal ways to get 'em.

Remember, after earning these cheats you might have to turn 'em on in the Basement, done by pressing L, R at the Game Select screen.

Big Heads Beat WWF Challenge with British Bulldog or The Rock.
Burp 'n' fart mode Beat WWF Challenge with Mosh or Thrasher.
Dude Love & Cactus Jack Beat Challenge, Normal difficulty, Mankind.
Ladies Night mode Beat Challenge with Triple H or Shawn Michaels to access females in Create A Wrestler.

Write In!

Anyone wanna win some top Nintendo gear?

It's easy, just drop us a line with your top tip, quessie answer or new way to play, and you could get yer sticky mitts on ace N64 stuff. Cool. All you've gotta do is write to us at,

Your Tips, NOM, 37-39 Millharbour, The Isle of Dogs, London, E14 9TZ.

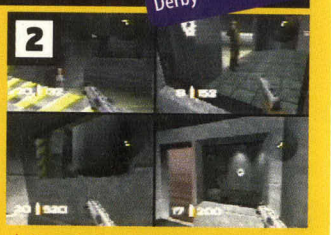
New Wayz To Play!

Hey you! Check this out! Send in your own and, if yours gets printed you'll win a prize!

TIP FROM! Steven Tomlinson, Derby

Goldeneye bases

▲ Two Vs Two, Licence To Kill. Set two bases (eg Facility toilets and bottling areas). Teams have to capture other base while protecting their own.



▲ Team has a base when both players are in it and none of the other team. Get a point for doing this. First to 5.

WARIO'S WINNER! Imad Ahmed & Jason Hood, E London

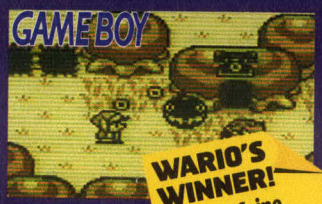
Goldeneye bodyguard

▲ Four players, normal health. Oddjob's president, Jaws is bodyguard. Other two are terrorists trying to kill the president. Rockets are good, mines are better!

▲ Jaws must do anything he can to protect the president. Maybe take him to a dead end or hide him. Survive for five minutes and win.

Can You Help?

Here's where we all club together and help each other out. Write in if you know the answer to these and a prize could be yours.



WARIO'S WINNER! Anthony Caine, Bury

▲ **Zelda GB**
I can't defeat the Nightmare boss on The Catfishes Maw...

■ Hit his body, not his sword or shield. Charge your sword and walk into him, then bomb him when he's down. Do two or three times.

▲ **Bomberman 64**
It seems that we might've set too hard a quessy! Anyone who answers WILL win a controller!
Can you please tell me the location of all the body bits to make a custom Bomberman?
Gary Robinson, Timperley

Your Scores

Only cool chimps enter our challenges. So don't be a chump, enter today! You could win stuff!

This month's four hot challenges

1 1080°

Fastest time at Mountain Village.
Loadsa cool, but dangerous short cuts here.

▲ Try the left fork in the tunnel.

Control the board to land smoothly and properly after high jumps and you're well on your way.

2 F-Zero X

Fastest time, Silence, Jack Cup.
Show us the end replay screen with the track and time.

▲ Our best: 1.14.558. Beat that!

An easy track to get VERY fast times with. Use all Zippers and as much Turbo power as you dare!

3 Forsaken

Quickest time to complete Nuke.
Eliminate all enemies then show us your end stats screen.

▲ A game with excellent graphics.

Work out the quickest route and times to switch weapons first, then attempt your time.

4 F1 WGP

Fastest time, 4 laps, Monaco circuit.
Show the Race Classification track at the end of the race.

▲ Go for it! Take 'em on the bend!

Be a devil! Why not?! Don't use auto braking! Do it well and you'll probably win! Then send it in.

The results in full

Top Gear Rally

Fastest time, Coastline track
A few best time beaters since the last time we printed this league.

1.	Samuel Kitson, Co Kildare	3:27.78
2.	Nicholas Westcombe, Milton Keynes	3.28.70
3.	Jason la Rosa, Pembs	3.40.42
4.	Jan Erik Spanberg, Sweden	3.40.70
5.	Danny Dunn, Lincs	3.46.62
6.	Peter Hayman, Anglesey	3.47.90
7.	Jamie Thirlwell, Berks	3.49.98
8.	Jason La Rosa, Pembs	3.52.50
9.	Jim Hegarty, Belfast	3.55.42
10.	Ian Finnigan, Leeds	3.55.54

Tenth Ian

LylatWars

Maximum hits in a game
Gettin' on a bit, but still the best shoot 'em up this side of the Corneria system!

1.	Jon Davies, Wallingford	2,212 hits
2.	Greg Ihnatenko, Stockport	2,120 hits
3.	Dave Lewis, Wales	2,101 hits
4.	Tatu Luostarinen, Finland	2,094 hits
5.	Jonathan Cole, Tyne & Wear	2,085 hits
6.	Gavin Cole, Tyne & Wear	2,081 hits
7.	Simon London, Norwich	2,026 hits
8.	Jan-Erik Spanberg, Sweden	2,000 hits
9.	Stuart Richards, Surrey	1,961 hits
10.	Rob Pierce, Salisbury	1,933 hits

Seventh Simon

Eight Jan

Diddy Kong Racing

Spaceport Alpha, Fastest time
Trev Collis of Reading still makes it to the top. Come on Tony Moraes!

1.	Trev Collis, Reading	1.23.78
2.	Tony Moraes, N Yorks	1.24.60
3.	James Ferry, Stirling	1.32.81
4.	David Hartley, W Sussex	1.36.36
5.	Mike Brear, Wirral	1:37:70
6.	Morten Tronstad, Norway	1.43.21
7.	Danny Dunn, Lincs	1.44.60
8.	Morten Tronstad, Bergen, Norway	1.44.81
9.	Richard Christie, Warrington	1.50.83
10.	Robert Nicholson, York	1.51.16

Second Tony

Third James

Goldeneye 007

Cradle, most kills in 20 mins
Not the mega challenge, so just yer pride's at stake! Don't kill Trevelyan now.

1.	Andrew Mclean, Scotland	282
2.	Matthew Dalrymple, Middx	281
3.	Jamie Thirlwell, Berks	264
4.	Luca Zumella, Italy	260
5.	Dennis Ood Bijlsma, Netherlands	258
6.	Tanweer Aslam, W Yorks	257
7.	John Ahern, Ireland	256
8.	Jan Erik Spanberg, Sweden	236
9.	Daniel Donaghy, Middx	219
10.	Andrew Mills, Londonderry	203

Sixth Tanweer

Come play us!

Right, who reckons they're big enough and ugly enough to take us on? Well bring it on then!

The NOM team'll be in residence, ready to take on all comers on F-Zero X and Turok 2 deathmatch at the upcoming **BBC Big Bash**.

So if you think you've got what it takes to go down in history as one of the few NOM beaters, get your butt down to the **NEC in Birmingham** on **Saturday 28 November**. We're waiting...

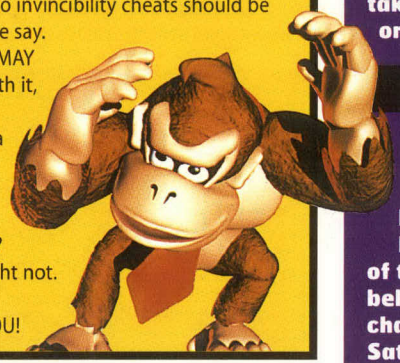
Cheating chumps

Not here anyway! All of these challenges mean true gamers win through. But we keep getting entries from cheaters.

These include American and Jap racing game entries. You can't use any Goldeneye cheats to help you get good scores unless we say so and no invincibility cheats should be used, 'less we say.

Cheaters MAY get away with it, but do ya really wanna risk wasting your time and being disqualified?

We thought not. Donkey's watching YOU!



What to do

So you fancy your chances at gaming fame and fortune do ya? Here's what you do...

1 Pick yer challenge, get on yer N64 and get yer high score.

2 Take a pic of the TV screen with no flash. Taking it at an angle and with the curtains drawn'll help. Or videotape your entry.

3 Write your name, address and score both on the photo/videotape and on a separate piece of paper.

4 Tell us how you scored your best time. We may well print your top tip.

5 Pop in a recent piccy of yourself.

6 Now post it to:

Your Scores, NOM, 37-39 Millharbour, Isle Of Dogs, London E14 9TZ.

7. Buy the mag to see if you made it to our Hall of Fame. If yer mug's in the mag your mates will be well impressed.

Points win prizes!

If your score comes top of any of our high score leagues, then you'll win a cool Official Nintendo controller pad or Rumble Pak. Awesome!

Mega Challenge!

BOOM! The Goldeneye gunners here have shown NOM that they're the best at 007 and one of the top four will be rewarded handsomely with £250 of Nintendo gear! Don'tcha wish it was you?

Goldeneye 007

Get one of four fastest times killing 50 baddies on the Jungle Level and you could be coming to see NOM.

Send us yer second stats screen showing the level and yer time taken for fifty kills. The final will be on Saturday 17 April 1999.

▲ The latest new challenge. You can easily get lost in this level, so keep your eyes open.

Got what it takes?

If you really think you're a Goldeneye bandit then you're in the right place. Below is the finalist list.

Next month you'll see the results of the epic battle between the top 4 below in a series of deathmatch challenges held at NOM Towers on Saturday 21 November.

You'll see the winner with their goodies and snaps of their nosh-up session at Planet Hollywood.

Use any cheats you like, we don't mind! You had to work hard to get 'em so now they should be working for you!

It's really important that you give us a telephone number so we can personally invite you to the final.

Goldeneye Mega Challenge Top 10 final results

Fastest time, 30 Kills, Surface 1

Paul Moran's been hassling our offices every day for the last two weeks! Yes Paul, you HAVE made it! See ya soon at the big Mega Challenge final.

1.	**Paul Moran, Glasgow**	**0:56**
2.	Chris Maccalum, Brixham	0:56
3.	Neil Friedman, Whitefield	0:57
4.	Rob Pierce, Salisbury	0:56
5.	Danny Dunn, Boston	1:03
6.	Richard Dunn, Boston	1:03
7.	Richard Farrell, Warrington	1:10
8.	Luca Zumella, Italy	1:13
9.	Mark Snowball, Worthing	1:16
10.	Alex Gladwell, Bures	1:17

Seventh Richard F.

Eigth Luca

Closin' date and rules type stuff

1 Closing date for entries is 31 March 1999.

2 For the final contest itself, we make the roolz! The multiplay characters will be chosen out of a hat, as will the location of the Deathmatch itself.

No squabbling now!

3 Finalists who cannot make the stated final date will unfortunately be disqualified and their place in the final given to the fifth place finalist.

4 The decision of the magazine is always final.

The Legend of Zelda Ocarina of Time

You're about to start the greatest Nintendo game ever and you must be prepared. So here's a Zelda guide to get you going!

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Adventure advantages!

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- ✓ People you must talk to
- ✓ Deku tree walk through
- ✓ How to defeat the bosses
- ✓ Puzzles figured out

Olden Ocarinas

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WE SAID "We always knew it was gonna be a classic, but nothing prepared us for this."

Getting started

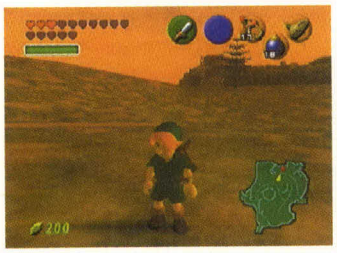
Your first few steps through this most awesome game

Okay, you're just starting out, so we'll start with a few easy tips. Like walking around and checking out the amazing scenery.

Walkin' around

Best get your walking boots on, 'cos you'll do loads of hiking through Zelda. Here are a couple of ways to make your trekking worthwhile.

▲ If you haven't got loads of hearts and rupees, find a location full of goodies and grab 'em. Then leave and re-enter for more!



▲ When studying your location on the map, the yellow arrow is where you are. The red arrow shows where you entered.

Making best use of yer camera

Miss even the teeniest thing on your travels and it can make a big difference to yer game. Explore everything you see, it's worth it!

▲ If Link disappears behind objects, hit Z to centre the camera behind him. There's no manual camera change like SM64.

▲ If you want your view to change faster press ⊕ when facing the direction you want to. Tap it again and the camera will follow.

▲ If the view moves to an object you weren't looking at, the chances are it's something you must check out. Could be vital clues.

Kokiri Forest

Take a deep breath. The adventure starts here...

The game opens with an awesome movie which introduces the twisted Zelda plot. Once the movie ends you'll find Link asleep in his treehouse home. There's nowt inside his house, so get movin'.

House of Mido

A wise man who won't tell you very much.

No info from Mido at this stage but four crates in his house will give you rupees and one recovery heart.

Leave house and come back in again for more. You can do this as often as you like.

Lost Woods

You go here after the Deku Tree.

Mido the cheeky elf won't let you through to the Lost Woods 'til you've been to the Deku Tree.

Know it all brothers

They act clever, maybe they are!

Another couple of friendly fellows. They'll teach you all about how to read the map and its icons.

Boulder dash

Pass this trial and the mighty Kokiri sword will be yours!

You can't avoid boulders in your path so learn their timing. Hide in a corner where they don't roll, and rush for the sword when the time is right.

▲ You can lose LOADS of energy here so don't mess up and die.

▲ The Kokiri sword is at the end of this passage, as well as one red rupee.

One eyed stone

Eerie! But what are they for?

Nothing to do at this stone at first, but it gives you a sinister message.

They appear throughout the game and their purpose isn't given away 'til later. Remember their locations.

Grass

Wade through the blades for mucho extras!

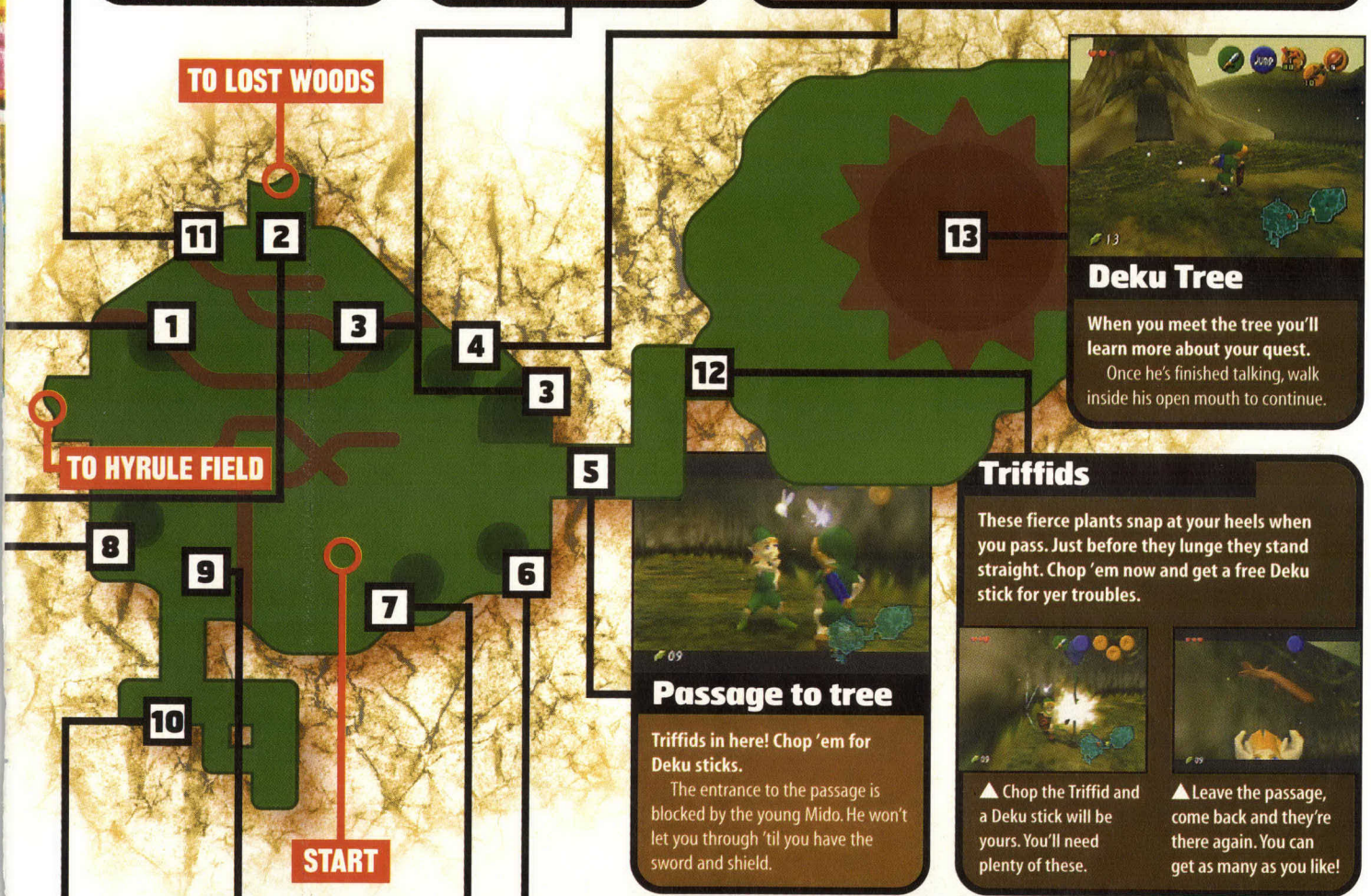
Not to be confused with clumps of grass like that outside Saria's house, walk through these lawns for constant green rupees.

Kokiri shop

You must buy Deku shield from here. Deku nuts (slingshot ammo), heart energy and Deku sticks can be gathered from forest. Don't waste rupees.

▲ Arrows are here but can't be bought 'til you have a bow. One green rupee to be found behind counter.

▲ A girl is sitting above shop sign. Press Z to target her then A to talk. Heart container is on top of shop.



Deku Tree

When you meet the tree you'll learn more about your quest.

Once he's finished talking, walk inside his open mouth to continue.

Triffids

These fierce plants snap at your heels when you pass. Just before they lunge they stand straight. Chop 'em now and get a free Deku stick for yer troubles.

▲ Chop the Triffid and a Deku stick will be yours. You'll need plenty of these.

▲ Leave the passage, come back and they're there again. You can get as many as you like!

Passage to tree

Triffids in here! Chop 'em for Deku sticks.

The entrance to the passage is blocked by the young Mido. He won't let you through 'til you have the sword and shield.

Training area

Where you learn the basic combat moves.

There is a fenced off section that's designed for you to learn yer combat skills. See the Combat Moves box for a rundown of what you can do.

Saria's House

One of your only true Kokiri friends. Saria is the cute lil' elf you meet soon as you leave your house. Six half hearts are in there for the taking.

▲ A walkway leads from Saria's to an elf with a blue rupee for you. There are three heart containers on top of house.

▲ An elf outside asks you to help cut the grass. Do this with yer sword. Things are often hidden underneath.

House of Twins

Two identical elves

Two friends of yours that don't give much away at this stage, but are sure to be of some use later on in the game. Inside is one blue and one green rupee.

Advanced tips

You've wandered Kokiri Forest, now it gets harder

It's not all walking about, there are some ace scraps in Zelda. And if you're gonna fight like a man, you'll need to know how.

There's quite a complicated targeting system to get your trusty sword slashing true. So listen and learn. Here come the fighting tips.

Targeting people and monsters

In order to talk to or attack someone, you'll need to target 'em first. You'll have to get used to doing this quick if you don't want to take a pummelling. Link's an expert swordsman, but he needs help in targeting his trusty blade.

▲ If a green arrow is above an unreachable person, press Z to target 'em then A to talk to 'em. Don't draw yer sword at Saria, though.

▲ If there's more than one object with a green arrow above it, press Z to target the closest one, then Z again to target the next one along.

Controlling weapons and spells

As there are many spells to use and weapons to earn, not to mention the combat methods, the control system in Zelda isn't easy.

Get to know these points well and you'll have a lot less trouble on your adventure. Each button can be given a different task.

▲ When you get the Slingshot or other item that shows up on the Equipment menu, you can choose which C-Button you want to hit: ◀, ▶ or ▼ to use it.

▲ Then a little picture appears in the C-Button icons at the top right of the screen to remind you which button to press to use which item.

▲ The blue or green button icon at top right of screen tells you exactly what you'll do if you press B at that time, like grab, hit, jump, talk etc.

Using Navi

Your flying fairy friend, vital in your adventure

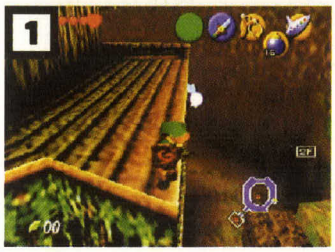
Unlike the rest of the Kokiri, Link doesn't have a fairy companion 'til the beginning of his adventure. Now he has and she's a great help.

Get the best out of your lil' fairy helper with this advice.

◀ Always keep an eye on the A or B icons at top right of your screen.

If Navi's name's in it she wants to talk to you. Press the button to hear what she's got to say.

She gives you vital tips and clues so listen up to your little fairy helper.



▲ If Navi suddenly flies away out of sight then follow where she went with A.

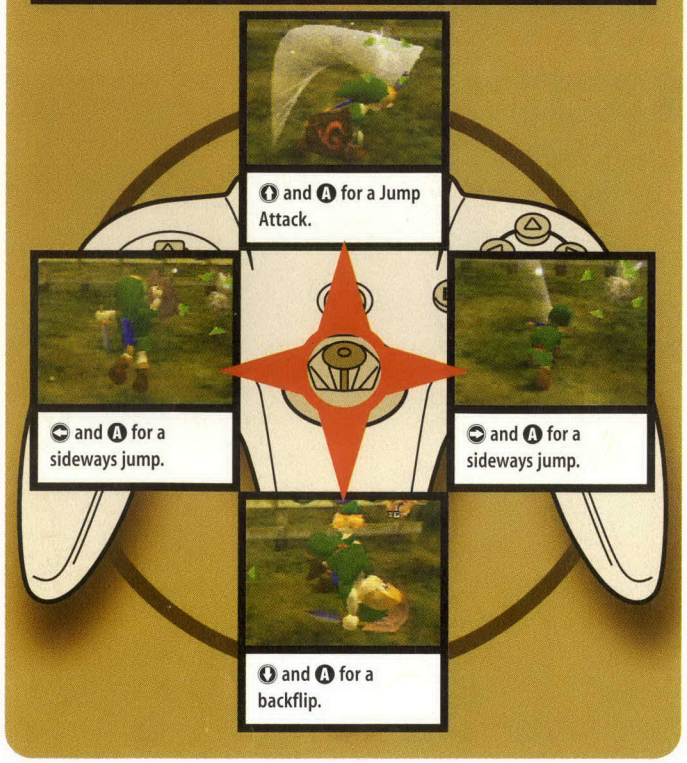
▲ She might be pointing out an item, or an enemy who's up for a swashbuckle.

Combat moves

Using the Kokiri sword. Be a samurai master

Link slashes and swipes with his sword depending on which buttons you hit. Here's a guide that'll have you fencing like a pro.

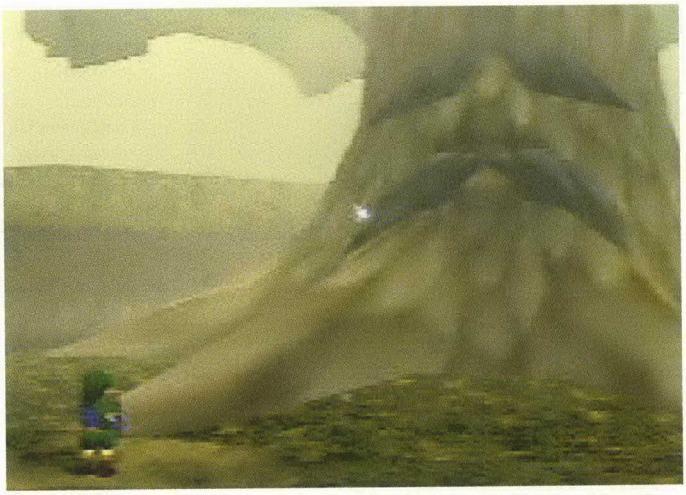
With Z targetting and sword ready



The Deku Tree

The ancient guardian of Kokiri Village

Link starts his adventure asleep in his treehouse, all alone.
Until the Deku Tree gives him Navi the fairy, and asks the young elf to visit it. Find the tree and the Deku will tell you all about your quest.



▲ The Deku Tree, old as the hills and wiser than anything. He awards you yer fairy pal.

The dungeon map

This'll help you find your way around the Deku Tree.
Link enters the dark interior of the tree for the first time. He's still a bit new to this adventuring lark, but he soon won't be!

▲ Climb up the red ladder or wall vines and follow the ledges around to find a chest containing the dungeon map.

▲ A heart is on the ledge jutting out halfway up the entrance hall. Go through door at same height.

Break falls

Learn how not to take damage after a high fall.
Here you'll encounter the not too scary but well annoying Deku Scrubs for the first time. Beat 'em to gain information.

▲ A Deku Scrub's here. Press R to hold shield. This'll bounce seeds back at 'em. You'll then be shown how to break a fall. Hold ⓐ in the air and you'll roll forward.

Fairy Slingshot

A very important weapon and one of Link's favourites.
The Fairy Slingshot is vital for long distance combat. It uses Deku seeds for ammo. These are found in the tree by cutting root stumps or Triffids.

▲ Jump across blocks to find a chest containing the Fairy Slingshot. Climb up vines on side of same room to find another alcove with recovery heart.

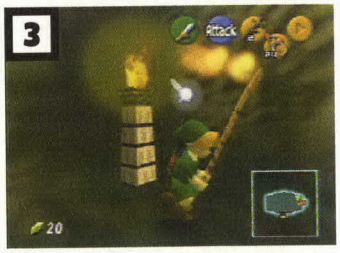
▲ Navi has info. She'll point out the red ladder above door you came through. Shoot it with Slingshot to make it fall and go back to the first room.

The Compass

Are you coming or going? Know which way you're facing!
Find the compass so you know exactly where you are and where you're going in wide areas like Hyrule Field.

◀ Move along to a wall covered with vines and protected by three spiders.
Wait 'til Navi flies near spider, target with Z and shoot.
Now climb up to door to move on through the Deku Tree.

▲ A Skulltulla! Slingshot its belly to get Deku seeds. Jump on stone to raise pillars. Go across to open chest for Compass.



▲ Then hold a Deku stick and move to the flaming torch. Your stick'll burn. Light other torch. Bars on door will raise. Exit.

Open the basement

The ground and first floors of the Deku Tree gave you the slingshot, map and compass. But there's more...
Now it's time to travel down deep below ground to see what else you can discover. Are you ready for it?

▲ Big Skulltullas now confront you. Navi says that the belly is their weak point. Shoot 'em when they turn. Do this three times on each to get rid.

▲ Now stand on edge of a ledge, look down and you'll see a hole in floor covered by cobwebs. Jump to break cobwebs and open basement level.

Learn how to beat first sub boss

Don't let the pesky Deku Scrubs annoy you! When you beat 'em they help you out with important information.

▲ Find heart in chest, first basement room. Light stick. Walk thru shallow water to cobweb door. Torch 'em to reveal door.

▲ Another Deku Scrub. Bounce the seeds back 'til he flees, now chop him to get info on how to beat the next series of three Scrubs.

▲ Defeat 'em in this order, two, three, then one. Now slingshot the eye above the next door to raise bars over it. Go inside.

Nasty spiders!

Here's where you get to use your sword and slingshot together in combat for the first time.

You'll need the practice, because the first big boss is coming and it'll scare you rotten if you don't like scampering spiders!

▲ In next room dive down and touch the underwater switch to lower the water level. Now you can ride the platform under the spiked roller.

▲ Push block along when B says, then climb up. Go through door. Light torches in next room. Chop Triffids when standing straight to get Deku Sticks.

▲ In next room, kill spiders. Target, then slingshot. Chop with the sword when they're stunned. Kill all of 'em.

▲ Now burn cobwebs to show next door. The flames won't burn you. Crawl through gap by pressing ◊, Z and A.

Deku Scrub Boss

Three critters that kill!

Soon you'll be confronted by three mean Deku Scrubs that won't let you continue. You'll have to take 'em out.

But you're well prepared! Defeat 'em and get essential info on beating the pant wetting first big boss.

▲ Push a block into the water to use as stepping stone. Light stick, run across stone and shallow water and press ◊ + B to burn cobwebs on hole in floor.

▲ Go down and kill Triffids by bouncin' back their seeds. First do number two (middle), third (right) then first (left). They'll tell you how to kill spider boss.

Plastic Arachnid Gohma

Yikes! A giant spider!

Stock up on hearts before you enter. You'll need 'em!

▲ Now you're entering the last Deku Tree room. Go in room and look up to find Plastic Arachnid Gohma crawling around. It'll now swing down at ya.

▲ When the spider's eye is red, slingshot it. It'll flee to the ceiling and release three babies. Chop 'em up. Spider'll get well angry and come down.

▲ Slingshot its red eye again and it'll crumple, stunned. It won't be for long so you've got to be quick. Switch to yer sword.

▲ Now run up to its eye and chop it to pieces. You can kill the spider first time if you use Lunge and Jump attacks. Swing yer sword like crazy!

▲ When it's dead you'll be awarded with Kokiri's Emerald, the sacred stone of the forest. Walk into the blue light for the next part of your adventure.

Deku salutes you!

Now you'll see a mini movie that'll set the scene for the whole adventure. It's a secret though! Let's just say it's a bit sad!

▲ Wanna see the sequence? Then defeat the boss.

Coming soon

Watch this space! Zelda will be totally tipped in the first of two Tips books. It's all you'll ever need.

Banjo Kazooie Part 3

One peek at the NOM mailbag shows where most of you are stuck... on the final level! Let's go bash Grunty.

Contents

Finish Banjo and smile!
- ✓ *Grunty's secrets*
- ✓ *Finish Furnace Fun*
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WE SAID "Banjo Kazooie is gonna blow you away"

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▲ Watch out for the skull squares. They mean trouble. Get this question or challenge wrong and you die. It's a dip straight into the furnace for you! And there's no appeal.

Furnace Fun

At last, you're here. Time to take revenge on Grunty

Play the game show and save Tooty

Before you get to batter Grunty, you're gonna have to play her 'orrible quiz show, and it certainly ain't easy.

You're on your own, here. The questions and challenges change every time, so tipping this section's impossible.

To help, we've included most of Grunty's sneaky secrets, and you'll need 'em. Oh, and turn right at the first junction to reach the Banjo joker square.

▲ Collect the jokers 'cos you're gonna need 'em. You can dodge difficult squares.

▲ The time challenges are tough, only take 'em on if you're confident. Avoid with jokers.

▲ Grab the pieces of the honeycomb to top up your energy meter. If you get a quessie wrong, you'll lose a piece.

▶ It's quiz time! Can you remember everything? Furnace Fun is bloomin' rock hard but, once we'd done it, it was so much fun we wanted to do it again. Fools we are.

Grunty's 27 fearsome facts

Grunty secret	Brentilda clue
Washes her teeth with	*A salted slug*
Brushes her hair with	*Baked beans*
Buys her clothes from	*Saggy Maggy's Boutique*
Grunty's nickname	*Hog breath*
Favourite smell	*Putrid parrot puke*
Fave colour	*Gruesome green*
What does she wear under her dress?	*A reinforced girdle*
Dog's name	*Leg chomper*
Grunty's band	*Grunty and the Cauldron Crew*
Fave sport	*Belly barging*

Grunty secret	Brentilda clue
What school she'd go to?	*St. Dungballs*
Grunty's party trick	*Blowing up balloons with her butt*
Grunty's breakfast	*Rat bagels*
Grunty's dinner	*Slug stew*
Grunty's fave desert	*Rat sorbet*
What's to be found lying around her bedroom?	*Smelly socks*
What's beside her bed?	*A Verucca plant*
What colour of undies does she wear?	*Spotty purple*

Grunty secret	Brentilda clue
Fave pastime	*Collecting dragon teeth*
Grunty's one and only boyfriend's name	*Undead Ed*
Her fave pet	*A greasy wart hog*
Where does she sleep?	*In a dumpster*
She won a prize, which one?	*Biggest butt*
How did she pose in Hags Monthly?	*In her long johns*
Her school friend	*Sweaty Betty*
Fave magazine	*Big butts and guts*
Favourite drink	*Cold worm juice*

Final challenge

Climb to the castle roof and kick Grunty's flabby butt

Before tackling Grunty, make sure you collect ALL 900 Musical Notes, and EVERY Jiggy.

If you do, you'll be able to claim DOUBLE ENERGY!, 50 RED FEATHERS!, 10 GOLD FEATHERS! and 100 EGGS! from the doors near the final cauldron.

▶ Nab the Gold feather to fill up on yer invincibility.

▲ The big red feather'll fill yer back pack with 'em. Same for the blue egg.

▲ Then jump in the cauldron to be catapulted up to the battlements.

Stage One **Grunty's Swoop**

Grunty's first attack sees the warty one swooping at Banjo as soon as he arrives on the castle roof.

Always keep Grunty in your sights as she swoops with C and C buttons. Dodge just before she hits you. Listen for her divebomb sound, then leg it.

When she crashes into the battlements, turn around and hit her with eggs. Repeat 'til Stage Two begins. Also, listen out for her homing spell. When it comes at you, use a Gold invincibility feather to protect Banjo and Kazooie.

▲ The wicked witch doesn't hang about. Get outta her way!

▲ Hit her while she's down on the roof. The broomstick'll splutter.

▲ Quick! Fire some eggs to wallop the witch! A few good shots'll do it.

Stage Two **Battlements**

Now Grunty hovers outside the castle walls, hurling red hot fireballs.

To hit Grunty, you have to stand on the battlements and shoot eggs. To make sure you have her in yer sights, always hold R to keep the camera centred. To avoid the fireballs, follow this routine...

Grunty lobs four fireballs, then pauses. So between the third and fourth chuck, run towards to centre of the castle and then back again. The fourth ball will fly over your head, giving you pause time to jump up and egg her!

▲ Stand behind the stone battlement and you won't get hit by the fireballs Grunty lobs at yer.

▲ Jump up and start firing those eggs fast! You've got her! You've gotta hit her three times at each side.

Stage Three **Broom Battle**

Time for a little help from Bottles. He'll give you a flight pad to tackle Grunty in the air.

Here's a good tip. Before taking to the skies, use Kazooie and run around the roof, collecting at least 90 Eggs, 10 Gold and 50 Red feathers. You will have used up a lot of 'em already. When you hear Grunty firing, leg it!

When in the air, keep your finger on R. This gives you tighter turns, essential for avoiding Grunty's missiles. She'll slow down after turning a corner, so wait for this, then Beak Bomb the evil hag!

▲ Circle during battle and use the red feathers to gain height.

▲ You've gotta have a good shot in this bit. Bombs away!

▲ Slam her with yer Beak Bombs. If you miss, you could fall to your doom.

Stage Four **Jinjo's Revenge**

Bet you were wondering why you were saving all those cute lil' Jinjos, eh? Well, here's your reward... Jinjo missile payback!

Shoot three eggs into the holes in front of the Jinjo statues. To do this, avoid Grunty's fireballs and, when she stops firing for a second, pump three eggs in the hole. When the Jinjo hits Grunty, go for the next one.

▲ Nice one! You've got the pink jinjo! He'll bash Grunty for ya.

▲ The orange jinjo's all yours. Now it's on to the final challenge...

Stage Five **Jinjonator**

It's time for one of the hardest sections of the game, unleashing the power of the Jinjonator.

Forget about the statue for now. Use Kazooie and outrun the red fireballs. When you hear Grunty firing the homing magic, use a Gold feather and sprint towards the statue.

Fire eggs into each hole 'til you hear a chime, and repeat the sequence in the same order. When Grunty fires the homing spell, she pauses, so fire!

▲ Banjo's job is to fire eggs into each hole 'til the chime.

▲ Leg it to get away so you don't get crispy fried by the fireballs.

▲ Hit Z and ▶ to shield yourself from Gruntilda's attacks.

The End

Well done, Banjo fans! You've completed the most awesome platform adventure ever seen. Now sit back and relax... 'til Banjo Tooie!

Send us your tips

Have we missed anything? Or are you still stuck? Drop us a line with your bustin' Banjo tip, or the fiendish bit you're stuck like glue on.

▲ We ain't showing the end!

F1 World Grand Prix

You've won the easy trophies. Now you move up to harder races.

Track 'n' tactics tutor: Part 2

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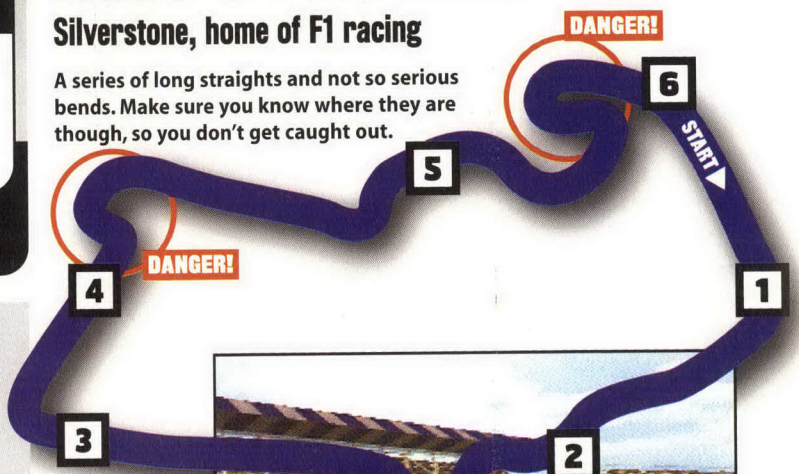
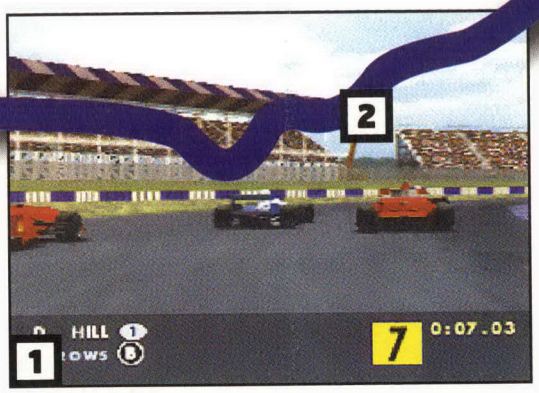
Race 9 Britain

Silverstone, home of F1 racing

A series of long straights and not so serious bends. Make sure you know where they are though, so you don't get caught out.





▶ Don't worry about this first bend, keep the pedal floored.

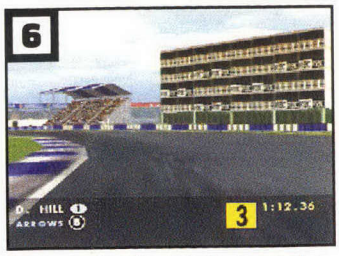
Just be careful of cars bunching here on first lap. Keep an eye out for tailgaters.

▲ There isn't much to worry about either, just make sure you know the bend is coming and slow to 3rd or 4th gear.

▲ Although this bend is quite gradual, it's long and can fool you into crashing into the barriers if you take it too fast.

▲ This is the start of a very serious set of bends. The first sharp left needs you to slow at least into second gear, so be ready.

▲ You're in the middle of a very dangerous stage, approach the bend wide and stay on the race line at all costs. Lose yer line and you'll lose the race.

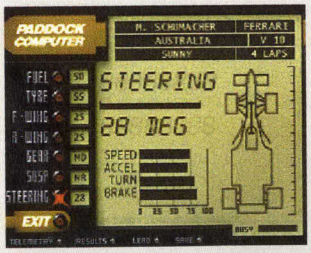


▲ You should still only be in about 3rd at these serious bends, tap brakes and slow to second gear then floor it as soon as you see the grid on the floor.

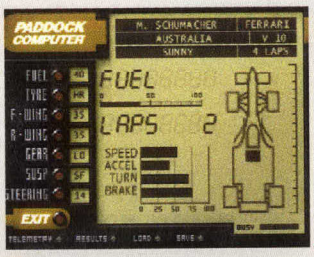
Car settings

Find the best settings to race with

There are loads of ways to adjust your motor, so get the best out of your mean machine with this info.



▲ Make sure your car has the fastest acceleration and top speed possible. Make steering sensitive as well.



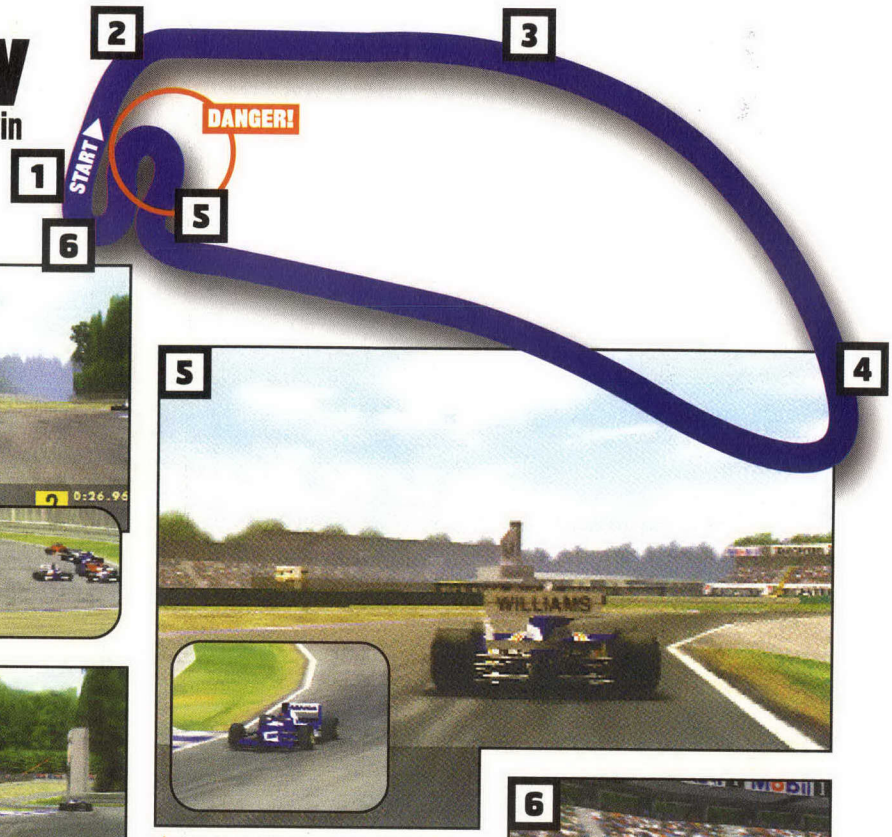
▲ As with any Grand Prix race, the amount of fuel you put in your car is vital. Too much and you're too heavy.

▲ You are encouraged to change yer settings for each track. But in our experience too many changes mean you can't get used to the way the car handles.

Race 10 Germany

Shuey's home circuit, he'll be desperate to win

A whopping long straight here that takes up most of the lap. Make sure you have as high a top end as possible.
You should make up your places on these straights.



▲ You've just started the race, so you won't have got too fast by now. Just ease off the accelerator and get ready for the longest straight in the world.

▲ Just a little blip in the straight here, try cutting corners.

▲ This is a very long, and very gradual bend, take it at full speed and enjoy the country air! Go Damon!

▲ This blip is a bit more serious than number 2 and you'll be going very fast when you approach it. Be careful!

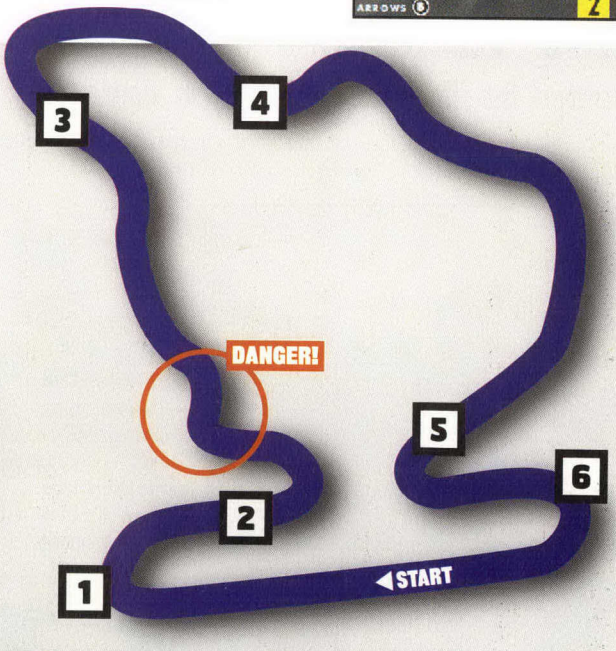
▲ First set of three not so serious but long bends, slow to second gear. Ease off the throttle and you'll be fine.

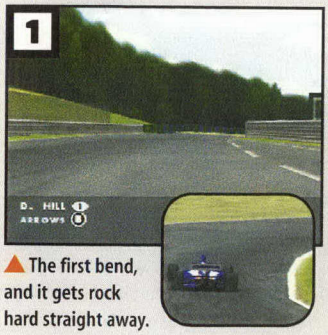
▶ Last bend before the home straight, kick down as soon as the bend ends. You're in fast straight territory again.

Race 11 Hungary

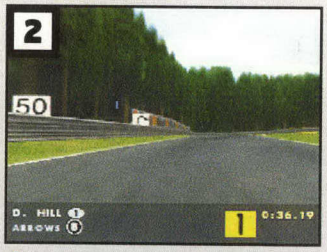
A looping track which'll drive you loopy!

This is a nightmare track with bends that can have you crashing out quite easily. Don't bother with a high top end, tweak up yer acceleration. There are few straights to open her up on.





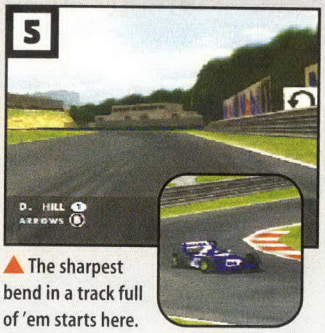
▲ The first bend, and it gets rock hard straight away.



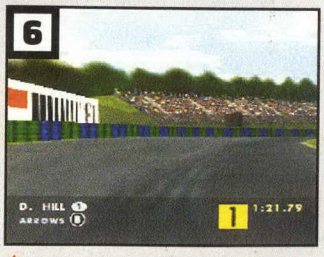
▲ Keep an eye on the signs on the side of the track to see how much you should slow to. They're only ickle though.

▲ This track's a nightmare! After the last series of bends this one seems a doddle, but they just keep on coming!

▲ Even though you're still slamming the wheel left and right like mad, this is the easiest stage of the track. Try it in 3rd.



▲ The sharpest bend in a track full of 'em starts here.



▲ Last bend before this track's only straight, just ease off the accelerator for a second or two.

Race 12 Belgium

Superb track. Spa'll make you feel like an F1 champ

A really easy track except for two serious U bends. Lots of nice straights, so whack your top end right up.

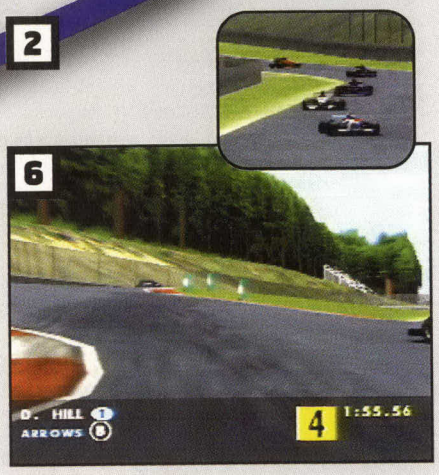
▲ As soon as you start you've got to tackle a mega U bend. Don't worry, a superb straight's next!

▲ Lovely view! Don't fret too much here, just ease off the accelerator and roll down the slope. Don't it look lovely!

▲ Another U bend, but not as serious as number 1, as you should be going quite slow by now anyway.

▲ You should only be doing about 50mph now, watch for the blue 'Formula' sign and floor the brakes.

▲ The home straight, but concentrate. Watch for the little blip that follows.

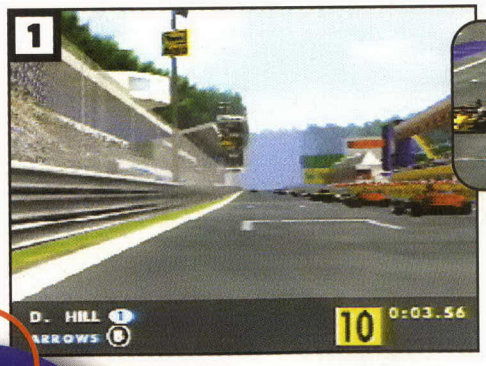


▶ Here it is! Don't go into the pit by accident. You'll lose valuable seconds.

Race 13 Italy

The home of the Tifosi. They're F1 mad in Monza

Like the German track, most of the tarmac here is in a straight line. Get a high top end for your motor. It's speed demon territory.



◀ Opening straight, double tap Ⓐ as soon as you start to kick down yer gears and get faster acceleration than the rest. You'll speed through.

▶ The usual blip in the first straight. Watch you don't crash off the track.

▲ A right angle bend, tap on yer stick to get a slight skid then floor it again. Just don't lose your back end, alright?

▲ Again, not so serious, try cutting corners slightly.

▲ This is a track of long straights and these turns can catch you off guard, watch for the signs on the side of track.

▲ This is a U bend, but it's so gradual you won't have to go lower than 4th gear. Blast it out of this beauty.

Nyeee-owww!

You're well on yer way to earning your colours, why not stay up to watch the Grand Prix's on telly and shout, 'I've taken that bend!' Last part next ish.

▶ Secret track next time.

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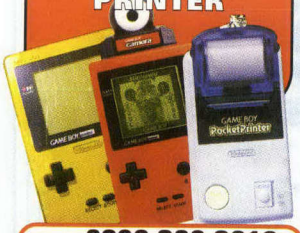

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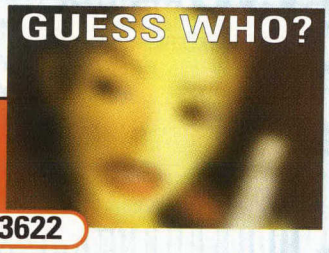

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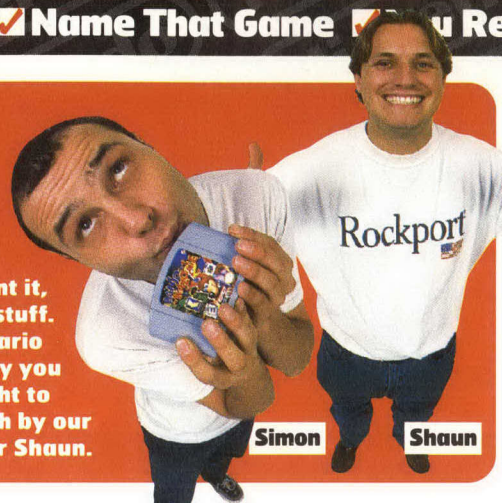
HERE'S THE BIT OF THE MAGAZINE THAT YOU WRITE...

✓ Letters ✓ Name That Game ✓ You Review ✓ Who's The Hero? ✓ Hit List

It's your letters, it's your leeeee-eeters! You write it, you send it in, we like it, we print it, we send you stuff. That's Club Mario and that's why you love it. Brought to you this month by our Simon and our Shaun.



"I read your review for All Star Baseball and I decided to buy the game. Unfortunately, I went to Electronics Boutique and Virgin Megastore and neither one had it in stock. Why is this?"
Graham Prigg, Cullompton, Devon.

■ The problem with the less popular titles is that fewer games are brought into the UK. Keep looking, it's a great game. **Shaun**

"I was really disappointed with Mission Impossible. Me and my mate had been saving for ages expecting it to be superb. When it came out it looked crap, so we decided to wait for Turok 2."
Matt Whitfield, Lutterworth, Leics.

■ We did warn you. It's had a mixed reception. It's one of those games you either love or hate. **Simon**

■ At least you didn't spend yer cash. And you won't be disappointed with Turok 2. Promise. **Shaun**

"As you said in ish 73, the games have got better. Here are some tips on how they can make them even better
1. In shoot 'em ups, you should be able to break an enemy's neck with your bare hands.
2. It would be better if you could see bullet holes in their body.
3. In racing games, the car should get dented when it crashes."
Michael Taylor, Brechin Angus, Scotland.

■ Although having that much realism would be cool, I doubt it'll please some of our younger reader's parents. **Shaun**

■ I wouldn't mind being able to break someone's neck. It'll be cool. **Simon**

"I bought ISS 64 the day it came out, but after I read your review for World Cup 98, I decided it looked better so swapped it.
Unfortunately, I think it's crap and now I'm stuck with it. Help!"
Darren Bloys, Minehead, Somerset.

■ Give it another go. World Cup 98 is a brilliant game. **Shaun**

■ If you still can't get on with it, try to swap it for ISS 98. Better still, you could part exchange it. **Simon**

"Why do GreyStation owners go on about Gran Turismo? The graphics are good, but all they ever talk about is the replay. Who cares about that!"
Andrew Golding, Little Stoke, Bristol.

■ If you wanna talk about replays, have a look at F1 World Grand Prix. The replays on that are better than anything else you'll see. **Simon**

"Every GreyStation owner knows that Lara Croft is gonna get blown away by Perfect Dark. Rare's newest game is gonna be ace."
Tom Cussen, Downend, Bristol.

■ Once Zelda's released, it'll be the most wanted N64 game. And just think, this is gonna be twice as good as Goldeneye. **Shaun**

"I know you said that you couldn't give away demo carts 'cos the magazine would be too expensive, but is there a chance of receiving free 64DD disks?"

Who's The Hero?

Guess this well known Nintendo character from five clues. Look out for the others dotted throughout Club Mario.

1. I've been a huge hit on all Nintendo consoles

You Review

Have your say about your favourite or worst Nintendo 64 game. Simply follow the style below and get your entry in. There's an N64 game up for grabs, so chuck 'em in the post!

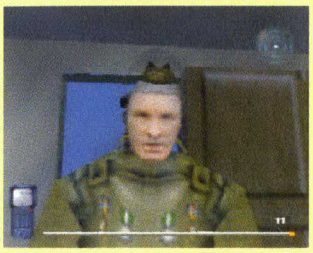
Reader's name Andrew Northrop
Game name Mission Impossible

Best bit Sneaking through the levels like a real spy and not killing anyone.

Worst bit Some levels are too easy and it's never as good when you go back and visit them on the harder setting.

Graphics Could be better. The characters are blocky, but the levels are pretty detailed.

Overall The good far outweighs the bad. It's definitely worth a rent even if you don't want to buy it. **91%**



▶ Mission Impossible's Face maker, a personal NOM favourite.

Snappy Moment

You obviously have great fun with your lil' Pocket Cameras. The piccies we get in every month are totally ace!

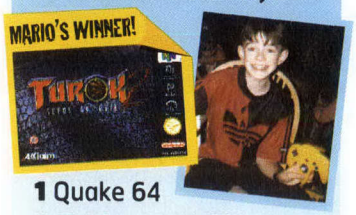
This month's silly snap comes from Gary Bromham from Swansea. He even puts down his job, which is a professional Nintendoid!

Reader Chart

This month's Reader Chart winner is James Cowan from Carne, Co Antrim.

As you can see, he's into a whole range of games, but shoot 'em ups are definitely his first choice.

There'll be another Chart next month. It could be yours.



1 Quake 64
2 Goldeneye 007
3 Banjo Kazooie
4 World Cup 98
5 Snowboard Kids

Name That Game

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

1 This Pak vibrates as you play.
2 This company's bringing Quake 2 to the N64.
3 + 8 This golden beat 'em up was the first N64 fighter.
4 The cow in Fighters Destiny
5 The biggest 'n' baddest boss in Legend of Zelda.
6 We give this award for games that score 90%+
7 He's bound to die in South Park 64.
9 They swim only in the deepest pools in Wetrix.
10 This MK star is also an ex-lieutenant in the US Army.

The meanest mutha in Hyrule, but what's his name?

Who's The Hero?

2. I must explore loadsa tough worlds

Joseph McMullan, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland.
■ I suppose the biggest problem is whether it'll ever come out. If it does, I guess it's a possibility.
Watch this space. **Simon**

"Will you ever give a game 100%, and if you do will it be for a shoot 'em up or platform game?"
Liam Guest, Staincross, Barnsley.
■ To give a game 100% would mean it can never be bettered. **Shaun**
■ As long as a game scores 90%, you know you're getting a good 'un. **Simon**

"Why didn't you give WWF Warzone as much space as Banjo Kazooie? It's not fair, I liked what I saw in ish 71, but I WANT MORE!"
Peter Hallinger, Ballymena, N Ireland.
■ Although Warzone's excellent, loadsa readers wanted to know more about Banjo Kazooie. **Simon**
■ I hope you enjoyed the free tips book in ish 73. **Shaun**

"I'm having lots of problems trying to sort out my Christmas list.
There are so many excellent games coming out that I don't know which ones to get."
Julian Harrison, Darlington, Co Durham.
■ Every reader should have Zelda on their list. It'll easily be the biggest game this Christmas. **Shaun**
■ It'll be a huge Christmas for Nintendo. Turok 2, F-Zero X, V Rally and 1080° Snowboarding. There's no way the competition can compete with that. **Simon**

"I can't believe there are still other Nintendo mags.
You have the most tips and reviews and the magazine is so easy to understand."
James Harris, Tamworth, Staffs.
■ We don't understand it either. I can't remember the last time a rival mag beat us to a big game. It just doesn't happen. Ever. **Shaun**

"I'd like to congratulate Nintendo on getting its act together with pricing and advertising.
The F1 World Grand Prix ads are brilliant and Mission Impossible posters are appearing everywhere. It's about time!"
Mark Dolan, Co Tipperary, Ireland.

■ You're absolutely right, it is about time.
There's also a classic range of games at a bargain £29.99. **Simon**

"With Zelda and Castlevania coming to the N64, I'm hoping that Metroid'll also appear in 1999.
Oh, and what ever happened to Kirby's Air Ride?"
Peter Braintree, Lincoln.
■ Seeing Samus Aran return to Nintendo would be great. It'll be another cool heroine who could easily kick Lara Croft's butt. **Simon**
■ I very much doubt we'll ever see Kirby's Air Ride. It was a game the developers just couldn't get right. Shame really. **Shaun**

"If what you say is true, we're in for a great year. Soon we're gonna be able to play awesome games like F-Zero X, Zelda, Turok 2, V Rally and WipEout.
My mum says I can have two, but I don't know which ones to get. What do you reckon?"
Mark Say, Saltburn, Cleveland.
■ I guarantee what we've said is true. I can safely say that you can choose any two from your list and you won't be disappointed. **Simon**

Mario Mart

We scoured the world of Nintendo for the coolest keyrings. And found 'em all!

1 Donkey Kong Monkey mayhem
2 N64 Power in yer pocket
3 Super Mario Even more Mazza magic
4 N64 controller For the control freak
5 Donkey Kong game Game and Watch revisited
6 South Park Kenny and Stan kick ass
7 Goemon Go, go, get one

Who's The Hero?

3. I'm on a mission to save a lovely princess

Your Nintendo!

It's time to visit another console crazy NOM reader to find out all about his Nintendo World.

Matthew Wittrick

Another Nintendoid's flung open his bedroom doors and invited NOM into his life, and his Nintendo bonkers bedroom.

This time we jumped on the tube and headed up to north London, to visit N64 mad Matt. Matthew was a walking Nintendo encyclopedia and knew loads about the Big N!

Posters and stuff

"I got my hooge Mario from Awesome Games in Walthamstow. I just walked in off the street and offered 'em a fiver for it. I get loads of cool posters from games shops."

Lego

"I'm well into Lego Technics. Me and my mates made a super limo which was bigger than my room! It had five swimming pools."

Music

"I'm into indie stuff like the Shine series, but I also like The Verve and Alanis Morisette. I got her latest album, it's totally brilliant.."

Games

"I've got loads of games, but my fave's Goldeneye. I think Rare are the best game maker on Nintendo."

Nintendo project

"I had to research and write a special project at school, so I chose to do a history of Nintendo. It was fun to do, and I got an A for it."

Nintendo 64

"I got my N64 on the day of it's UK release. I even got a cool T shirt from Virgin for buying it on the day. I just couldn't wait for it to come out."

South Park

"I love South Park 'cos it's really, really, funny. I've even got my mum and dad into it. I just can't wait for the game, it'll be well cool."

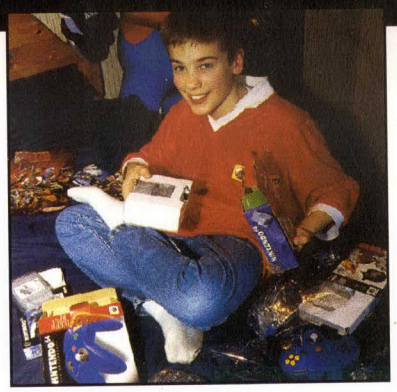
Prizes

So Matthew has talked us through his Nintendo life, and shown us his cool bedroom.

All that was left was... prezzies! Matthew's reward for being such a top Nintendo fan?

Top gear

In our bag o' things, we'd got Matthew 1080° Snowboarding, ISS 98, a third controller and an Official Rumble Pak. Well worth a visit from NOM!



▲ Matthew gets to grips with his stuff.

▲ Another satisfied NOM reader.

Wanna play?

We're still looking for Nintendo mad readers who have got what it takes to prove what rabid fans they are.

If you want us to come and see you, drop us a line at NOM central. Include your home phone number and a piccy of yer room, so we can see what it's like.

▲ Matthew thought he could beat Jason and Rory at Goldeneye. D'oh!

Who's The Hero?

4. I ride a beautiful horse called Epona

"You don't give games really low scores which is good 'cos it encourages N64 sales."
Matthew Whelan, Prestwich, Manchester.
■ We give games the mark they deserve. It has nothing to do with encouraging the market. **Simon**
■ Some mags feel the need to go overboard just for the sake of it. Most of the time, it's unnecessary. **Shaun**

"I wasn't sure whether to buy Banjo. Your mag said it was better than Super Mario 64, but I read another which said it wasn't.
Anyway, I bought it and you were 100% right. My conclusion: NOM bloomin' rocks!"
James MacNeill, Bexley, Kent
■ Was there ever a doubt that we'd be wrong? You should never need a second opinion. **Simon**
■ NOM is the only magazine you can trust. I thought you all knew that by now! **Shaun**

"In ish 71 you featured Louis Maslin in 'Your Nintendo'.
He already had two N64s, one Top gear steering wheel and eight games! Some people are so lucky."
Neil Ward, Hayes, Kent.
■ At the end of the day, it's all down to luck. His was the first name drawn outta the hat, so we visited his house. **Shaun**
■ Bingo! You've sent stuff in to Club Mario and now you're the lucky one who's a winner! **Simon**

"I don't think Turok 2's deathmatch'll be anywhere near as good as Goldeneye's. For a start, there are only two gameplay modes. Goldeneye has loads."
James Shearer, Wolverhampton, Midlands.
■ So there aren't as many choices, but it'll be a great laugh. **Shaun**
■ Frag mode is awesome, and just as good as Goldeneye. **Simon**

"I saw a kids chat show on a French TV channel and it featured a Donkey Kong cartoon.
The graphics are amazing and the voices are really good. I wonder if there's any chance of it coming to the UK?"
Giles Dawe, Downend, Bristol.
■ It's already shown on Fox Kids, every day at 5.55pm, but you need satellite or cable to watch it. **Simon**

"I never liked footy games, but I rented a game one evening and all I could find was World Cup 98.
It was great, so I'm think about buying it, when I'm not so skint."
Ross Cassells, Fife, Scotland.
■ If you really liked WC 98, you should wait for FIFA 99. It'll be ace. **Simon**

Answers

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Who's The Hero? Link

Who's The Hero?

5. I'm gonna be the biggest hero this Chrimbo

Mario's Hit List

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- **What things do you want to see in NOM?**

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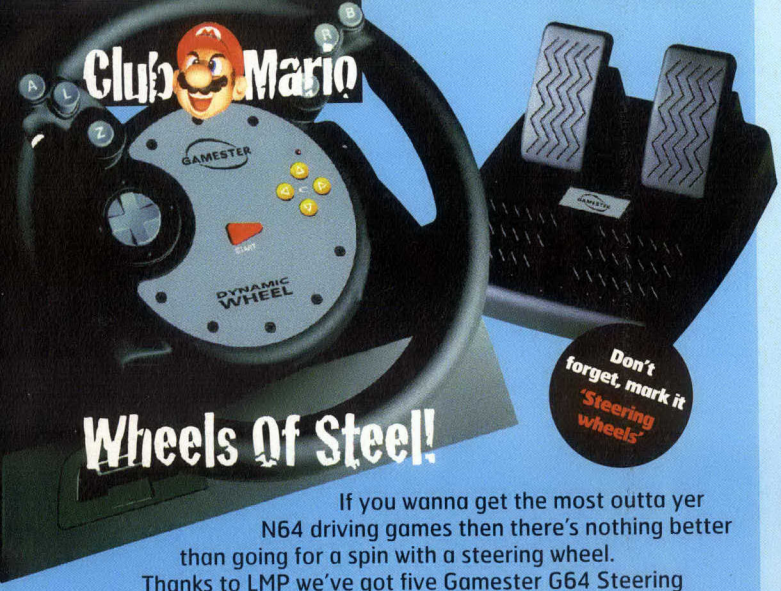

Wheels Of Steel!

Don't forget, mark it 'Steering wheels'

If you wanna get the most outta yer N64 driving games then there's nothing better than going for a spin with a steering wheel.

Thanks to LMP we've got five Gamester G64 Steering Wheels with 1MB Memory Cards to give away. Just answer this...

Q Which driver won this year's Formula One championship?

(A) Damon Hill
(B) Michael Schumacher
(C) Mika Hakkinen

Holy Smoke!

If you're a huge fan of RPGs, then Holy Magic Century's one adventure you'll wanna get yer nashers into! Thanks to the top team at Konami, we've got ten copies to give away. Just answer this 'un...

Don't forget, mark your entry 'HMC Compo'

Q Where does Holy Magic Century take place?

(A) Celtland **(B)** Africa **(C)** Japan

We've got copies of Holy Magic Century, Glover, V Rally and F-Zero X to give away to lucky Nintendoids this month!

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How to win

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(1) Find a postcard or the back of a sealed down envelope.
(2) On one side write the answer to the compo you wanna enter, your name, age and home address.
(3) On the other side mark it with the compo name and write our address underneath NOM, EMAP Active, 37-39 Millharbour, Isle of Dogs, London, E14 9TZ.
(4) Slam on a stamp and shove it in the post.

Be An F-Zero Hero!

The fastest ever game on the N64 is here and to celebrate we're giving away three copies of this mouth watering racer.

To grab a copy of this amazing game, slap on yer thinking cap and have a go at this...

Q Which track can you race in F-Zero X and Mario Kart 64?

Don't forget, mark it 'F-Zero X Compo'

(A) Royal Raceway
(B) Choco Mountain
(C) Rainbow Road

Attack The Track!

Calling all rally fans! It's time to start revving yer engines! A big 'Thank You' goes to Infogrames who have given us five copies of V Rally Edition 99 plus two T-shirts to every winner! Just answer this quessie...

Don't forget, mark yer posty 'V Rally Compo'

Q How many countries do you race through in V Rally Edition 99?

(A) 20 **(B)** 8 **(C)** 10

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N64 Pro (Score 4.5/5): "Innovative and good-looking."

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South Park

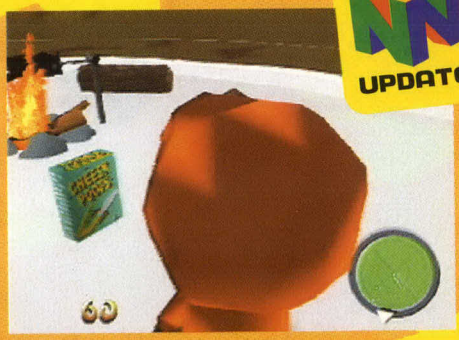
● South Park heroes ● Crazy monsters ● Awesome multiplayer

NINTENDO 64 UPDATE

Game Info

By: **Acclaim**
Type: **Kick ass blaster**
Release: **Spring 1999**

▲ To boost your health, chow down on Cartman's fave snack, Cheesy Poofs. Yum!



▶ Don't go too near the camp fire, Kenny.

Nintendo games kick ass!, 'specially when they take you down to South Park.

Surprise, surprise… there's trouble in South Park. This time, a massive comet's speeding towards the snowy, backwoods village.

The comet's driven all the local turkeys totally round the twist, and they'll peck to death anyone who gets close.

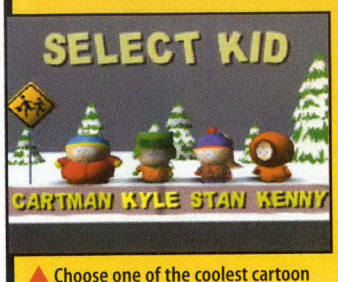
Even worse, Cartman's weird mum has been kidnapped by aliens. Only one thing for it… time for the world's rudest kids to go save her!

▲ Ohmigod, they're gonna kill Kenny! Lil' Ken gets pecked.

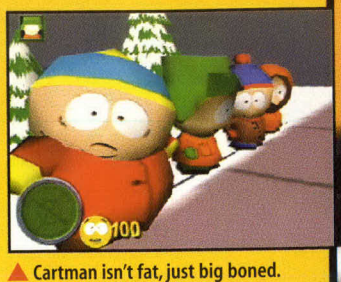
Goin' down to South Park

At the beginning of the game you can choose any of the four South Park heroes, Stan, Kenny, Cartman and Kyle.

Your first mission is to roam the narrow streets of South Park, trying to find your three best mates. Once you've found 'em all, and they've slagged you for being too slow, the adventure really begins.



▲ Choose one of the coolest cartoon characters of all time.



▲ Cartman isn't fat, just big boned. Beefcake… BEEFCAAAAKE!

DANGER

Scratch Kenny for another episode. The lil' anorak dude meets his maker in another vicious killing. Funny that…

Gonna kick your ass!

The best thing about South Park is the multiplayer mode, where you can play as most of the characters from the TV series.

The aim of the game is simple… tool yerself up with the wackiest weapons you can find and fry yer mates. Easy!

Two player head to head

▲ The screen's split in two for double barrelled South Park action. Snowballs at the ready.

▲ Officer Barbrady and Big Gay Al both appear in the awesome multiplayer mode.

Four player deathmatch

▲ Even Mr Hankey the Christmas Poo makes a guest appearance. Hiiii de ho!

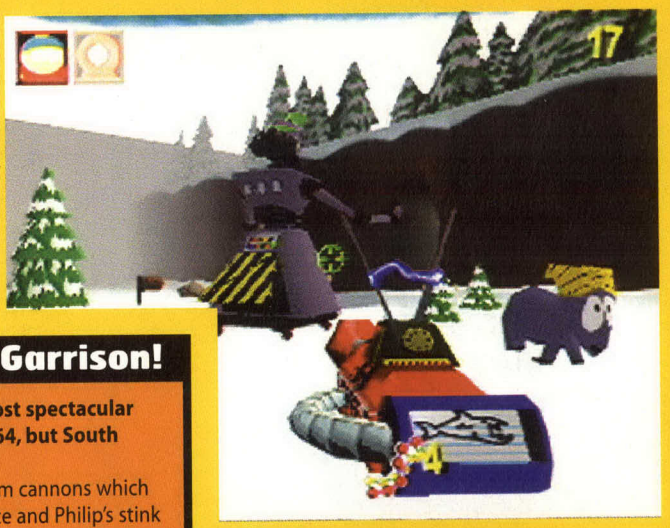
▲ More SP heroes… Chef, Ike and Mr Mackie. You can even spot Pip peeking in.

▲ It's comin' right at us! Hunt the rabbits.

▲ Direct hit! Kenny bags an alien robot.

▲ You can see two aliens on the horizon.

▲ If you look at the faces of the TV aliens, you'll spot scenes from the South Park TV series!



▶ One of South Park's strange weapons. Looks well 'ard.

Nice gun, Mr Garrison!

Turok 2 may have the most spectacular guns ever seen on the N64, but South Park's got the weirdest.

Your weapons range from cannons which fire sink plungers to Terence and Philip's stink bombs which stun yer enemies. I've farted!

▲ Snowball
Yer basic weapon, good for weak targets.

▲ Cow Launcher
This beauty will flatten the biggest nasty.

▲ Sniper Chicken
Best used for targeting distant enemies.

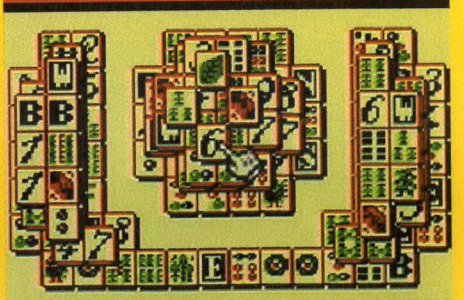
▲ Grenade
Will blast all the baddies in a small area.

▶ The bigger turkeys can take to the skies, making it harder to snowball the critters.

We think…

South Park's hilarious, just as funny as the TV series. Even better, the game plays just like a comic version of Turok 2, so look forward to an awesome '64 blast.

Fast News



• The GB Color games're rollin' in…

Shanghai Pocket from Sunsoft's a Japanese puzzle game where you have to match the patterns on tiny tiles.

You have to pair tiles which are on the same level, so it takes ages 'n' ages to clear the board.

When the game's released next year the colours'll be more vibrant than these shown.

• More good news for Expansion Pak watchers…

Top Gear Overdrive will support the 4MB Expansion Pak when it's released later this year.

The game will feature both a hi-res, full screen mode with the Pak, and an optional hi-res 'letterbox' mode without the extra 4MB.

• Star Wars will return exclusively on the N64.

It's been confirmed that Star Wars: The Phantom Menace, based on the first Star Wars prequel, will appear exclusively on the N64.

LucasArts has finished work on Rogue Squadron, and is now hard at work to make sure that Phantom's released next May.

• Here's one for fans of violent sports games.

Rollerball will be the first N64 game from MGM Interactive, based on the cult movie from the 70s, and its forthcoming sequel.

Rollerball's a vicious, futuristic sport where armoured players have to race around a circular track on rollerskates, slamming a metal ball into the scoring hoop.

• Another racer speeding your way

… is Monaco Grand Prix from Ubi Soft. The new game's set to improve on Ubi's awful F1 Pole Position game, with improved graphics, tracks and car handling.

Over 17 courses will feature, along with 22 cars and drivers. Best of all, there'll be a 'map editor' option to create your own tracks.

To win one of these great prizes just call the telephone number shown and follow the instructions. Most competitions require a tone phone.

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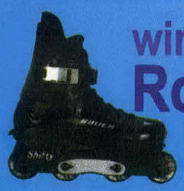

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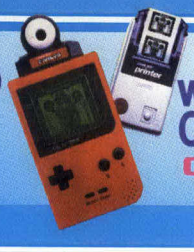

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Game Info

By: **Eurocom**
Type: **Shoot 'em up**
Release: **March 1999**

Duke Nukem Zero Hour

● **Awesome graphics** ● **Expansion Pak compatible** ● **Da Duke's back!**

NINTENDO 64 UPDATE

Hail to the king, baby! Duke's back, ready for his biggest blast ever on the Nintendo 64. And he's bigger 'n' badder than ever!

Just when you thought Duke had rubbed out the alien scum forever, the space beasts are back, with their sights set on another Earth invasion.

This time the aliens are using time machines to visit key moments in Earth's history, trying to erase history and destroy mankind.

Now it's up to Duke to travel through dozens of time zones, killing all the aliens, zombies and beastly bosses he meets. Another day at the office.

Wanna see some action?

▲ Lizard men stalk the dusty Wild West streets.

▶ Zombies! Be careful when opening doors 'cos you never know what fiends are lurking behind 'em.

▲ He may be mean 'n' moody, but this lizard man's a lousy shot.

Fun four all

Duke Nukem games are best on the N64. Why? 'Cos they all have four player modes to blast through!

In multiplayer the screen changes to a view through Duke's eyes, but you still get to explore most of the one player areas.

You'll get yer grubby mitts on all Duke's weapons, too, including the awesome sniper rifle which allows you to spy on distant enemies.

▲ The purple flashes are scatter lasers. Bounce 'em off walls and round corners.

▲ Those yellow explosions happen when Duke uses his triple rocket launcher.

▲ The top left Duke's got a Freezer. Use it to stun your opponent... then roast 'em!

▲ Now we're in Wet World. This massive hangar seems empty, but watch for snipers near the roof. They'll take you right out.
▶ When you back into a wall, the game switches to a view through Duke's eyes. Shred the alien mutha!

▲ The mist effects in Victorian London are amazing. Look out!

▲ This critter looks dead, but don't get too close. He could be a zombie…

▲ He may look big, but this brute's gonna be chop suey!

Time to travel

Rather than viewing the action through Duke's eyes, this quest's played from behind his hulkin' shoulders.

You use the same keys as Goldeneye to move around, the ◀ and ▶ buttons being used to side step left and right.

However, the good Duke can hop and skip over dangerous platforms, Super Mario style.

▲ Victorian London
Duke has to explore the foggy streets of ol' London town.

▲ Wild West
Ol' Nukem slips on a cowboy hat and fights High Noon style shoot outs.

▲ Wet World
An underwater world. Duke has to swim between complexes.

We think…

Zero Hour's gonna be awesome. The graphics look amazing without the Expansion Pak but, slam it in, and the game looks incredible. It plays a dream, too…

Fast News

• Another sharp looker from Sunsoft is…

… Power Quest on the Game Boy Color. In this fighting RPG, you have to roam the streets of a small city, earning as much money as possible.

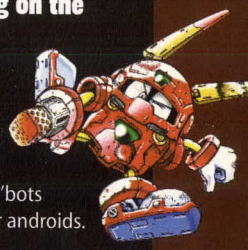
When you're rich, you can buy special parts for fighting robots, and pit your metal creations against computer controlled mechs.

• Zelda's gonna be published as a novel!

That's right, Link watchers. Videogame journalist, Jason Rich, has written a full novel based on the Ocarina of Time.

The book follows the exact plot of the game, and features most of the monsters and bosses.

• Hudson's been jumping on the Pokémon bandwagon…



Robot Pokotsu is an RPG like Pokémon where you wander around a huge world, collecting 150 Robopon robots and battling 'em with your mates.

Like Pokémon, you can swop 'bots with yer friends, and battle their androids.

• The Nintendo 64's come a long way, baby…

FIFA 99's gonna feature some ace dance music, courtesy of the UK's very own Fatboy Slim.

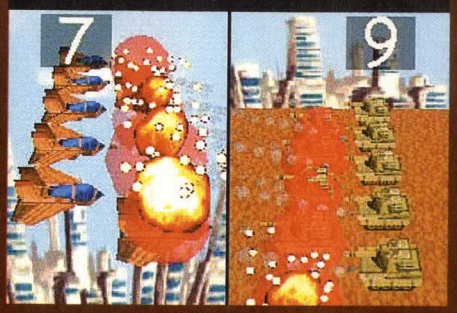
Fatboy's smash hit, Rockefeller Skank, is due to appear in the latest FIFA game, playing both on the menu selection screen and replay mode.

Rude Boy Rock by Lion Rock'll also be there.

• More links between yer N64 and Game Boy.

One of Japan's most popular GB titles is Game Boy Wars, a strategy war game where two players can link up and wage battle.

GB Wars is being made compatible with the 64GB Pak, allowing two players to stage fights in full colour on the TV screen.



Pokémon

• Catch monsters • Train fighters

▼ As you play the game your Pokémon will evolve. The super tough Blastoise grows from a tiny Squirtle.

Game Info

By: **Nintendo**
Type: **RPG, training, fighting**
Release: **February 1999**

NEW FOR NINTENDO 64

We've finally got our grubby mitts on an American version of Pokémon... and the news is that it's one of the best games ever made!

Pokémon throws players into a strange world where monsters roam everywhere, from tall grasses to dark caves.

As a Pokémon trainer your job is to explore the land, RPG style, catching monsters and training 'em to be killing machines.

Once you've got a crack army of Pokémon, it's time to find the game bosses, defeat 'em and earn prize badges.

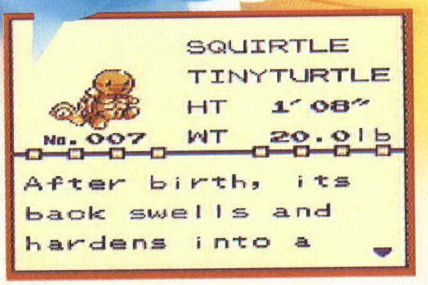
Wanna fight...?

Combat in Pokémon's turn based. When you meet a monster, the screen switches to a vicious match up.

To attack the rival, you choose offensive or defensive moves from a list. And as your monster fights battles it becomes more experienced, and will become stronger.

▲ The monsters square up. Fight, run or change Pokémon.

▲ Players take it in turns to unleash attacks, like Tackle.



▲ You can view the stats of any Pokémon.

▲ Talk to people to get clues, RPG style.

D'ya wanna Pokémon?

So, do you think Pokémon's gonna rule your life? Or is it just a pile of poo? Let us know in Club Mario on page 94.

We think...

Pokémon's the best Game Boy title we've ever played. It's even more fun than Tetris! We'll be introducing the basic Pokémons in news next issue, so stay tuned.

Mario Party

• Mario's back • Luigi, too!
• Donkey Kong's with 'em!

Game Info

By: **Nintendo/Hudson**
Type: **Various**
Release: **1999**

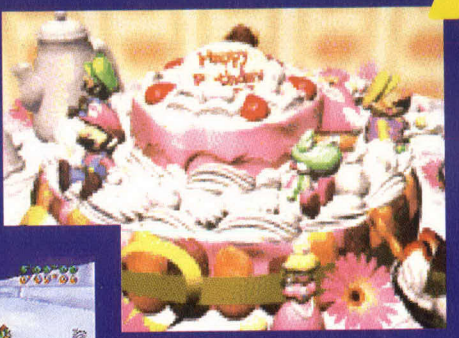
NEW FOR NINTENDO 64

Mario's back! And this time he's brought a few friends with him. Party on, dudes...

Before you ask, this ISN'T Super Mario 64 part 2. Instead, Mario Party's an N64 board game by Hudson featuring your fave N64 heroes.

In the game you take control of a Nintendo hero as they walk across a 3D board, visiting themed worlds such as Mario's Rainbow Castle.

Landing on certain squares will trigger a chain of events, allowing you to play sub games.



▲ Mario, Luigi, Wario, Peach and Toad are all ready to party. Wanna join 'em...?
◀ Sledge races also feature. This race looks just as good as Mario Kart!

▲ DK, Yoshi, Mario and Luigi are balancing on beach balls.
▶ Go, Mario, go! Keep pedalling the bike or that nasty Boo might catch ya.

We think...

Nintendo and Hudson have worked closely on this game, so it'll be a stonker. But it's aimed at Japanese players, so don't hold yer breath for a UK release.

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Rat Attack

● Frantic action ● Wacky heroes ● Catching dirty rats

Game Info

By: **Pure Entertainment**
Type: **3D catch 'em up**
Release: **May 1999**

NINTENDO 64 UPDATE

▲ Jefferson and Washington have invented the Mutator, which changes normal vermin into fearsome Jellyrats.
◀ One of the levels is set inside a video arcade.
Don't recognise any of the games, though. Is that SM64 in the corner?

In 1957 two rats, Washington and Jefferson, were blasted into orbit around the moon. Soon, their ship disappeared...

50 years later, the world's overrun by rats and a strange metal object's speeding towards the Earth.

You see, the space rats were kidnapped by aliens as they circled the moon. These aliens felt sorry for the rats, and gave 'em mega intelligence.

Now the genius rats are heading our way, ordering every rat on Earth to overrun the planet and destroy mankind.

▲ Look out for Bennett the dog. If he catches you, he'll chow down and steal one of your lives.

To catch a rat

Rat Attack's a fast, furious game where the idea's to catch dozens of rats and rack up awesome scores.

To catch vermin you control one of the Scratch Cats, a band of fearless feline fighters dedicated to saving the planet.

When they move around the screen, the Scratchies can draw a rectangle on the floor. This is yer rat trap.

They must then be stuffed into the Eradicator for snuffing.

1

▲ A message tells you how many rats you have to catch.

2

▲ Before long, rats begin to scurry from holes in the skirting board.

3

▲ Now draw a rat trap box on the floor. Any fiends inside the rectangle are captured.

4

▲ When you've got a load of vermin, chuck 'em in the Eradicator for loadsa points.

The Scratch Cats

The Scratch Cats may be cute as any other Nintendo hero, but these guys have claws.

Although all the Cats capture rats in the same way, each has special powers which can be used to nab the pests. Let's meet the feline exterminator squad!

Hai Jinx

Full of eastern promise, Hai was raised in a Japanese monastery. He uses ninja swords for special attacks.

Manx

An alley cat who loves street fighting, Manx is hard. Well 'ard. He's a whirlwind of teeth and claws.

Muffy Dupont

Muffy's a Persian. Her special move's the Groovy Love Attack where she kills rats with hearts.

Smokey

Squeezed into a tight cat suit, Smokey's a futuristic feline spy. She can shock mice with an Electric Arc.

The Scratch Cats can use special shields to stop attacks from big ol' Bennett.

Multiplayer match up

Of course, no N64 game would be complete without an awesome multiplay mode. And Rat Attack's no exception...

Up to four players will be able to trap rats at the same time, all competing for the highest score.

▲ Two players chase the rats through a graveyard, both setting traps to catch 'em.

▲ But it's a fierce fight. If one player catches more rats, they'll be the game's winner.

▲ You're under a time limit to catch the beasties. When the timer's low, you're told to hurry up. Wonder if you can jump on that space hopper? Hmmmm...

We think...

Rat Attack's a simple idea, but it's fiendishly addictive. Once you get the hang of rat catching, you won't put it down 'til the end credits roll.

Harvest Moon 2

It's time for all you Nintendoids to get yer hands dirty down on the farm.

Harvest Moon's a farming simulation. Over the course of a year you must raise animals, harvest crops and get rid of pesky pests.

The game's RPG based, and there are more than 50 characters for you to meet 'n' greet. You can even choose the interior design of yer farm house.

There are ladies, too. You've gotta make 'em your wife!

▶ You don't just spend your day chopping trees into logs. There's wimmen to find too.

▲ Not sure what this posty is saying, but he's probably got a parcel or two.

▲ In the garden harvesting delicious veggies. Those tomatoes look gorgeous!

Chameleon Twist 2

NINTENDO 64 UPDATE

Game Info

By: **Sunsoft**
Type: **3D Platformer**
Release: **Spring 1999**

• Perilous platforms • New hero

Davy the chameleon's back, with a brand new look and a cool platform quest.

While playing on a see saw with his mates one day, Davy saw a white rabbit fall from out of the sky.

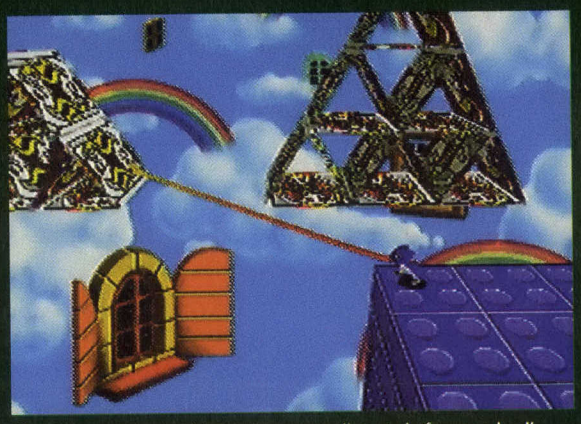
It landed on the see saw, shooting our scaly pal into the air.

It turns out the rabbit was magic, and he sent Davy to a bizarre world made from floating platforms.

Now Davy must run, jump and hop across dozens of fiendish levels, using his tongue to solve puzzles.

▲ Flowers burst from the ground, shooting lil' beasties at our scaly mate.

▶ There are sub games to try, too. Use yer tongue to roll bowling balls and win points. Strike 'em out.



▲ The chameleon uses his tongue to snag distant platforms and pull himself across the gap. Wonder what that roof tastes like?!

Worlds of wonder

CT 2 leads Davy through a series of bizarre levels, each with a different theme.

In Music Land you'll have to jump on instruments to play 'em, and in Odeo Land you'll have to face traditional Japanese monsters. Ice Land's full of slippery obstacles, and Toy Land is full of cute toys to play with.

Here's a sneaky peak of what to expect…

▲ **Arabia Land**
A world packed with ancient Arabian temples 'n' tombs. Creepy!

▲ **Sky Land**
You're miles above the ground… so don't slip, lil' green lizard buddy!

▲ **Ice Land**
Slip slidin' action, but stay outta the ice cube water. You'll freeze to death.

▲ **Toy Land**
The best one of the lot. The whole world's made from toys. Cool, eh…?

Stuck yer tongue out?

Did you play the original Chameleon Twist? So what did you reckon to it?

D'ya think this 'un looks better? Drop us a line at Club Mario on p94 and tell us what you think.

We think…

The original CT was hardly an N64 classic, but this version's loads better.

The graphics are cool, the action is nail biting and the worlds are well wacky.

Michael Owen's World League Soccer 99

FIFA and ISS had better watch out. There's a new game in town lookin' to steal the Nintendo footy crown.

Michael Owen's WLS 99 is being developed specially for the N64. And no! This isn't a conversion of the GreyStation game…

There'll be over 200 teams to choose from, loads of play options and amazingly realistic graphics. And it's all being linked to one of the best young stars in English footy.

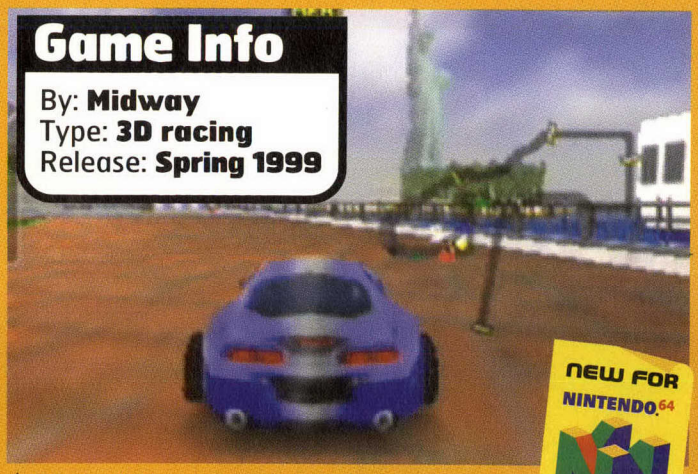
WLS looks ace. Keep 'em peeled for more on this top game next ish.

▲ The graphics in Michael Owen's WLS 99 look as good as any FIFA game.

▶ The Brazilian number 99 gets free and traps beautifully on his chest.

Game Info

By: **Midway**
Type: **3D racing**
Release: **Spring 1999**



▲ We're speedin' through New York. There's the Statue of Liberty!

NEW FOR NINTENDO 64

Rush 2
Extreme Racing USA

● **Stunt racing** ● **Speed across the USA**

Okay, okay! It may be a sequel to one of the N64's worst racers, but Rush 2 sounds loads better...

For a start, this version's got eleven tracks to choose from and a hidden course, much better than first game which only had six.

There's a stunt course on offer, too, where you can speed round loops and over jumps, without being pestered by rival racers.

Best of all, the game takes you across the US, to try courses in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Seattle, Manhattan and Hawaii.

▲ There'll be souped up saloons.

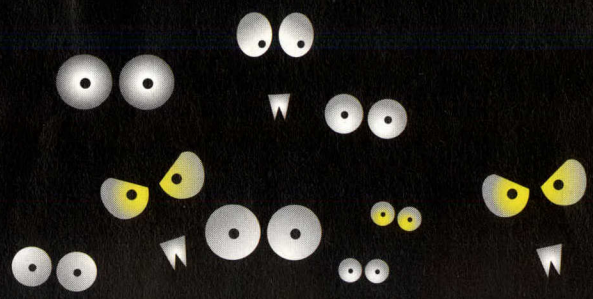
▶ Seattle, home of Nintendo of America's HQ.

▲ Steamin' through the outskirts of Los Angeles, you can spot the huge Hollywood sign.

▲ You can jump behind the wheel.

We think...

The worst thing about San Fran Rush was the crap car handling. If they can sort this out, we'll have a top sequel on our hands.



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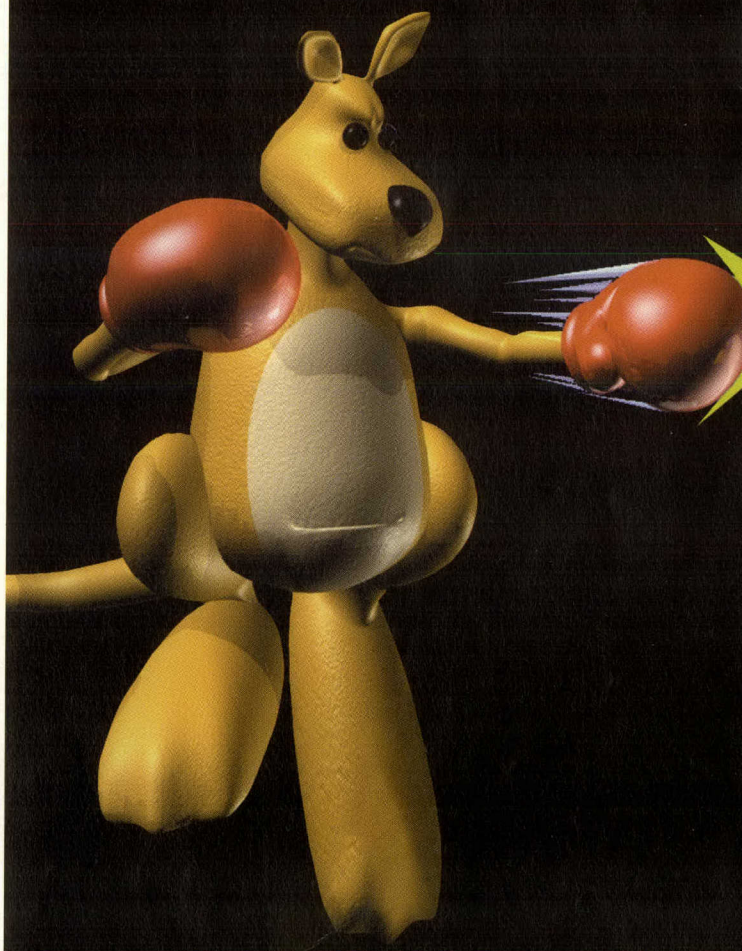

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Game Boy Color

● Best GBC games ● Brilliant new titles

▲ **Zelda: Link's Awakening**
Take your mischievous lil' elf pal anywhere, only in beautiful colour. There's a new dungeon and extra stuff too.

Game Info

By: **Nintendo, Crave**
Type: **Various**
Release: **Christmas 1998**

The Game Boy Color's here, with loads of awesome games to keep ya glued to the small, two inch screen.

If you're lucky enough to get a Game Boy Color this Christmas (yes, that's 'Color', American spelling!), just look at the amazing games you can get.

Along with classics such as Super Mario Land 2 and Tetris, get ready for loads of brand new games including Men in Black and Gex.

As well as the games shown here, start saving for Tennis, Game Boy Gallery, Metroid II, Zelda: Link's Awakening and loads more.

Brand new games

Most of the GBC titles have been seen before in black and white, but there are new games ready for release, too.

Crave Entertainment, the guys behind Robotron on the N64, have been busy coding Gex, Men in Black and Pitfall, while Nintendo's been working hard on Pokémon.

▲ **Wario Land 3**
One of our faves...

▲ **Wario Land 3**
... Wazza's cool.

▲ **Men in Black**
Sci-fi movie action, packed into yer Game Boy Color.

▲ **Pitfall**
Pitfall Harry's back in his most colourful adventure.

▲ **NFL Blitz**
Hard hittin' NFL action on ya powerful, portable pal.

▲ **Gex**
Lively, lanky lizard frolics. Better'n the N64 version!

Superman

● Vicious villains ● Amazing super attacks

NINTENDO 64 NN UPDATE

Game Info

By: **Titus**
Type: **3D adventure**
Release: **Spring 1999**

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Nah! just more shots of Titus' Superman game for the N64...

Superman's the first game where you can control the Man of Steel and use ALL his amazing moves.

To fly, simply double tap the Ⓐ button and he'll take to the skies. Heat vision and X ray eyes are no more than a button push away, either.

You can even lift huge objects such as cars and other characters, and bust through brick walls to find new areas.

There's a four player deathmatch too, where players can hunt each other down using UFOs in the skies above Metropolis.

▲ For close quarters scrappin', Superman lets his fists do the talking.

▶ Superman's heat vision's perfect for burning foes.

Super moves

Superman uses mega punches as his basic attack, but there are other cool moves, too.

Use heat vision to roast the vicious nasties and yer ice breath to freeze 'em.

▲ Superman's heat vision is good for bagging distant foes.

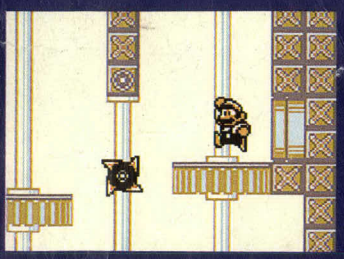
▲ Freeze Lex Luthor's evil computers then shatter 'em.

▲ Superman's got

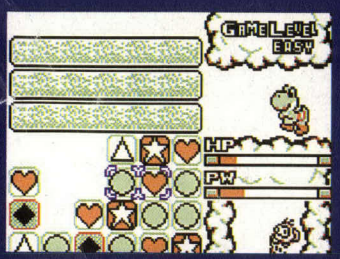
Quick flick! Pocket a full Game Boy Color review by turning to p50

▲ **Mole Mania**
One of the best puzzlers goes technicolour.

▲ **Kirby's Dreamland 2**
At last! Kirby's back, in the pink.



▲ **Super Mario Land 2**
Mazza's best GB adventure, bouncin' back in colour. And the picture's well sharp.



▲ **Tetris Attack**
The perfect game to test yer infrared GB link. Take a mate on an smash 'im!

▲ **Pokémon**
This game's gonna rule your life next year. Honest!

We think...

We've got our Game Boy Colors already, and they're loads better than the grey original. We just can't put 'em down.

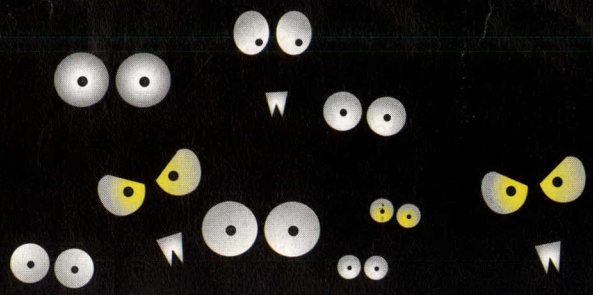
If portable gaming's yer thing, these games are essential. Put it on yer Christmas list now.

▲ Super takes a big right hook from one of Luthor's 'bots.

his dukes up, but he's hooge!

We think...

Superman's due for release in America this month, but it hasn't been shown since a rough demo at a big US computer show. Don't buy it 'til you've read our review.



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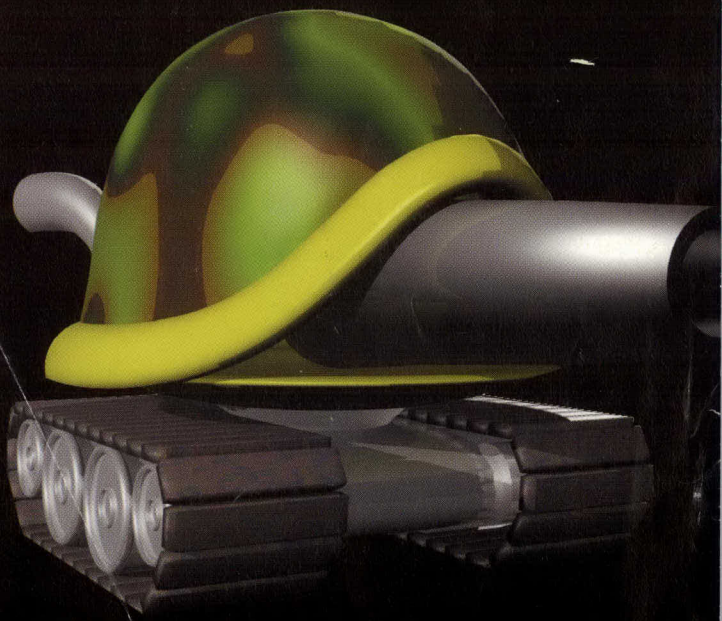

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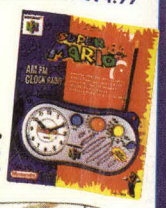

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Battleta

● Awesome multiplayer ● Loadsa levels ● Nuke yer mates!

Game Info

By: **The 3DO Company**
Type: **3D shoot 'em up**
Release: **January 1999**

▲ Use the map in the bottom left of the screen to find yer enemies, and use mega missiles to roast 'em.

Turok 2's gonna be the best multiplayer blast this Christmas, but you'd better look out for Battletanx next year.

Battletanx is set after a nuclear war, a global battle which wiped out most of humanity. Now survivors roam the streets in armoured tanks.

Very few women survived the war, and it's up to you as Battlelord Griffin to save the lovely ladies and make 'em your gorgeous Queenlords.

But dozens of enemy gangs are roaming the streets, each armed with guided missiles, swarmers, lasers, even nuclear bombs. And they want yer women, too…

You've gotta blast buildings to dust, then search the rubble for goodies.

▶ Explosions are awesome. Wait for the dust to settle, check the rubble.

▲ The one player Campaign Mode's crammed with super cool movies which introduce the plot. So keep 'em peeled for vital game information.

Griffin's Battletank cruises the mean streets, lookin' for lovely ladies to rescue. Is he cruisin' for a bruising or will he pull, out on the mean streets?

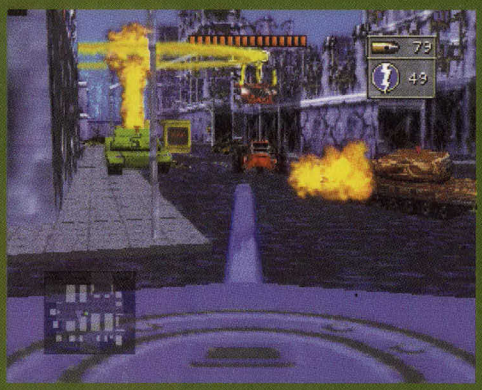
Top blast

The main single player option is Campaign Mode, where you have to tackle explosive missions from inside yer turret.

Some of these adventures are kill or be killed battles, while others have you taking on dangerous missions behind enemy lines.

The best adventures have you kidnapping enemy Queenlords, while protecting your own women back at base camp.

One thing's for sure though, Battletanx's gonna be top blasting action.



▲ You can view the action from behind yer tank, or nip inside to take the driver's seat.

▲ Griffin's Battletank stops outside a huge building. Look out, the blue tank's gonna attack!

▲ Griffin fires a shell, blasting the tank and destroying everything!

▲ To take out loadsa tanks at once, use one of yer nukes.

Multiplayer madness

There are loads of multiplayer options in Battletanx, and they even give Goldeneye a run for its money

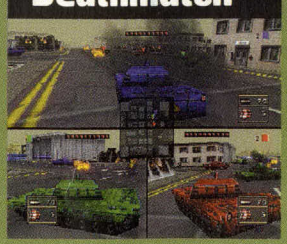
Battlelord, Deathmatch and Annihilation Modes each offer different play styles, and you'll have to change yer tactics for each one.

You can play as various tank gangs, from the nuke happy Nuclear Knights to laser totin' Charlie's Company. You can even unleash computer controlled tanks on YOUR side!

Battlelord

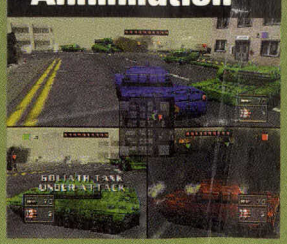
▲ Capture the flag and win the battle. You are the Battlelord!

Deathmatch



▲ First to seven kills is the winner, so get shelling, quick!

Annihilation



▲ Last man standing's the only one who counts.

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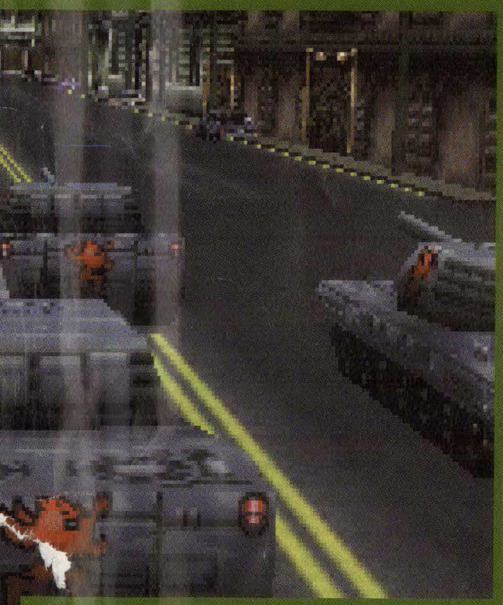
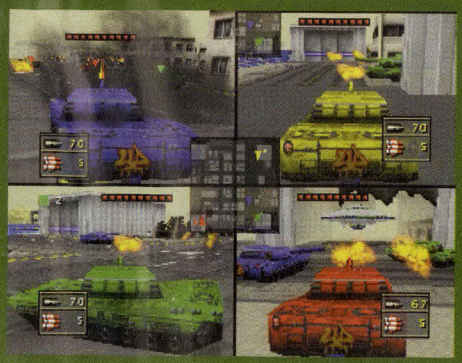
▲ Careful! Don't hit that mine to yer right or you'll be blown to smithereens.





▲ One of the later levels takes you to Area 51, the resting place of alien spaceships.

We think...

With so many play modes, Battletanx is bound to be a winner. Pity it won't be here for Christmas, but it'll give us something to look forward to...

Milo's Astro Lanes

● Crazy aliens ● Weird levels ● Strike!

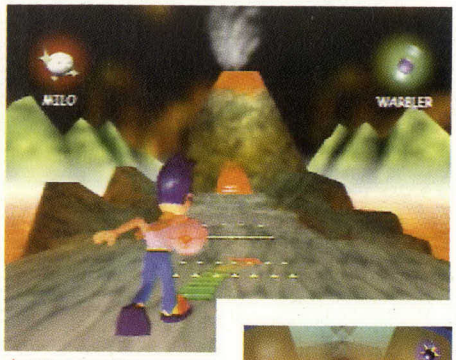
Game Info

By: **Crave Entertainment**
Type: **3D bowl 'em up**
Release: **Summer 1999**

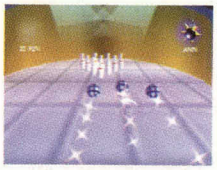
Welcome to the craziest ten pin bowling game the world's ever seen, Milo's Astro Lanes.

Milo's allows you to challenge six computer controlled bowlers to strike it out in loads of space age, galactic domes.

There's a cool multiplayer mode, too, where four players can go head to head, using power ups to ruin each other's chances. There's even a Puzzle option where pins are placed randomly.



▲ Milo himself steps up to bowl, this time in an amazing volcanic world.



▶ There are loads of dazzling bowling effects.

Strrrrrrrrike!! You'll be bowled over

The best thing about Milo's is the graphics. They're awesome, with loads of crazy characters and brilliant backgrounds.

When you hit a strike, dazzling movies cut in to reward your amazing shot. The N64's amazing memory is used to the max!

▲ Slinky Ann's up to bowl. Look! You can almost see her knickers!

▲ The ball glides down the alley, straight into the alien's mouth.

▲ All the pins are down. The alien breathes fire as your reward.

◀ Loads of crazy characters feature in Milo's, including this dancing robot. The graphics look amazing.

We think...

Bowling isn't the world's most exiting sport, but Milo's Astro Lanes has loads of great graphics, characters and movies.

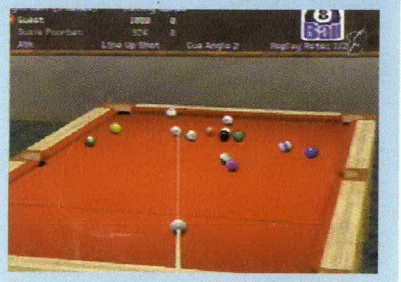
VR Pool 64

Another sport rollin' yer way is pool, with loadsa options to keep cue crackers happy.

In Match Play you can challenge yer mate to a friendly game, or pick one of 100 computer players.

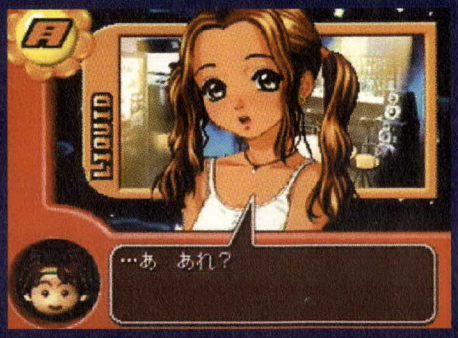
The Tournament option begins in the local pub, and you can play all the way to the World Championship.

There's even a Trick Shot mode where you can practice over 96 fancy shots.



▲ Fancy a dip into Nintendo pool? Looks ace.

▲ Move around this 3D map, taking your girlies on dates.



▲ Ayumi isn't too impressed with your chat up routine.

Get a Love

● Lovely ladies ● Silly sub games ● Get the girl!

NEW FOR NINTENDO 64

Game Info

By: **Hudson**
Type: **Chat 'em up**
Release: **Spring 1999**

Lookin' for love? Well, you don't have to look any further than your Nintendo 64…

Get a Love's a Japanese board game where you and four mates see who's fastest to get a girlfriend over the summer!

Using the game map, four players target one of seven cute girls, each with their own personality.

You can take 'em to the park, fancy restaurants, even the disco. But can you win their hearts?

▲ We've taken Kiiro to a record shop, but there's nothing she wants to buy. Typical bird.

▶ Luckily, Makoto seems to like you. No idea why…

▲ To win a lady's heart, blast yer mates in this sub game.

We think…

Get a Love's hardly likely to see a UK release, which is a shame. It's a silly idea but, with a four player option, it sounds a hoot!

Legend of the River King

Forget blastin' monsters in Turok… River King allows you to fish, collect insects and pick wild flowers instead! Talk about tree hugging!

River King's an RPG where you play a cutesy farmer. Using flies and bait, you can catch fish and keep 'em in your virtual tank.

If you get bored by the riverside, you can run through the fields, using yer net to collect over 111 different insects! We'd probably pin 'em to a bit of cardboard though!

▲ You can be a tree huggin', grass chewin', flower lovin' farmer!

Fast News

● The new Nintendo 64 packs are a hit!

The latest N64 bundles, where you can get Goldeneye or Super Mario 64 plus a console for £99.98, have doubled Nintendo 64 sales.

The packs were launched on 15th October but, by the 17th, twice as many machines had been sold than normal.

● Some bad news for Zelda watchers out there…

Looks like Ocarina of Time WON'T be released on a gold cartridge in the UK.

In America, Nintendoids who pre order the game will be able to get their grubby mitts on a limited edition shiny cart, just like with the NES original game.

Oh well, it's still the world's best videogame, even it's housed in dull grey plastic…

● This could be the most realistic tennis game ever.

All Star Tennis 99 from Ubi Soft is gonna serve up some hot tennis thrills next summer.

Players will be given full control over every shot, including awesome special moves which are unique to each character.

You'll even be given the chance to challenge some of the world's best known players.

● A sequel to WWF Warzone's on the cards…

According to Acclaim, WWF Attitude is scheduled for release some time next summer, with twice as many wrestlers as Warzone.

There'll be more hidden features and weapons in Attitude too, and the 'Create a Wrestler' option will be improved. Warzone's excellent, so we can't wait to get some Attitude!

● Silicon Valley's cheaper than we thought.

Last issue we said that DMA Design's top puzzler, Silicon Valley, costs £49.99.

The real SV price is £39.99 so, if you haven't got this puzzler, start saving yer pennies.

'Check it out if you want something totally different for your N64,' we said in our review last issue…

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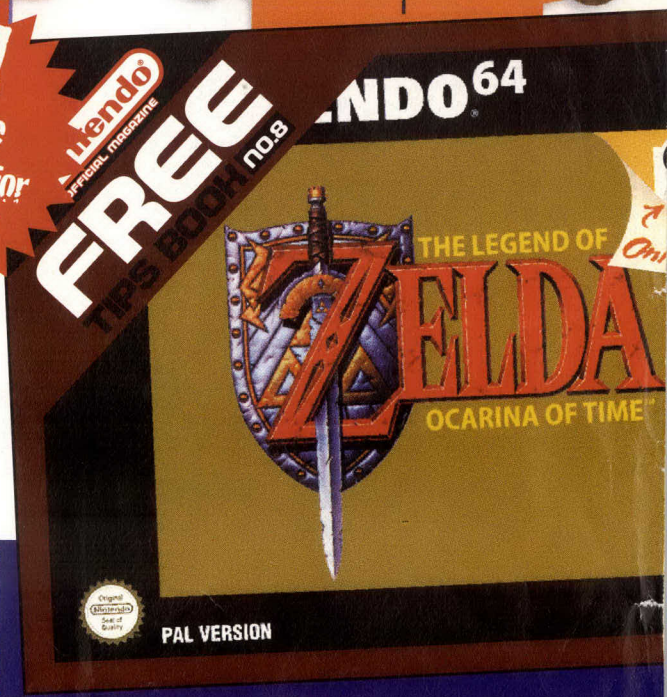

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He must have been around for a while, eh?
Yonks! Link's debut, The Legend of Zelda, appeared on Nintendo's very first home console, the NES.

Who thought of Link in the first place?
Link was created by Nintendo's gaming genius, Shigeru Miyamoto.

As a child, ol' Shiggy loved exploring dark caves in his home town of Kyoto, Japan. He wanted to make a game which captured his love of discovering new places, so Zelda was born.

Zelda, Link. Zelda, Link. Who's who...?
Link's the elfin hero of the Zelda games, the guy in green who isn't afraid to battle the biggest and meanest bosses.

Princess Zelda is daughter of the King of Hyrule, and knows the magical secrets of the Triforce.

Ganondorf, King of Thieves, wants these secrets for himself, and that's why he's always kidnapping Link's bird.

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When did these guys first clash?
In Legend of Zelda. Ganondorf kidnapped Zelda, and Link had to find 8 fragments of the Triforce.

Once he rebuilt the mystical triangle, he defeated Ganondorf at Death Mountain...

And what came next?
The Adventure of Link, again on the NES. This time Link had to find the Triforce to save Zelda from a magical curse.

However, Ganondorf's nasties were roaming the land. They knew that Link's blood could be used to bring their evil king back to life...

Gulp! Did they kill 'im?
Nah! Link whipped Ganondorf again, and returned in A Link to the Past where his enemy was an evil wizard, Agahnim.

His next quest was Link's Awakening, which will soon be re-released on the Game Boy Color with new dungeons!

I've heard Link's N64 game's a bit tasty...
Oh yes! Ocarina of Time could well be the best videogame this decade, possibly of all time.

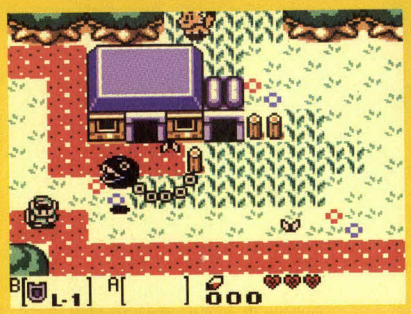
It was awarded the highest mark NOM's ever given an N64 game, 97%.

So when can I get my hands on this masterpiece?
Those lucky American Nintendoids are playing it right now. We should get it just in time for Christmas.

And finally...

At a huge computer show in America earlier this year, Nintendo revealed that Link's gonna star in a brand new Game Boy Color quest.

Codenamed Zelda: Dreaming Island, this adventure's set for release some time next year. You'll read about it first in NOM.



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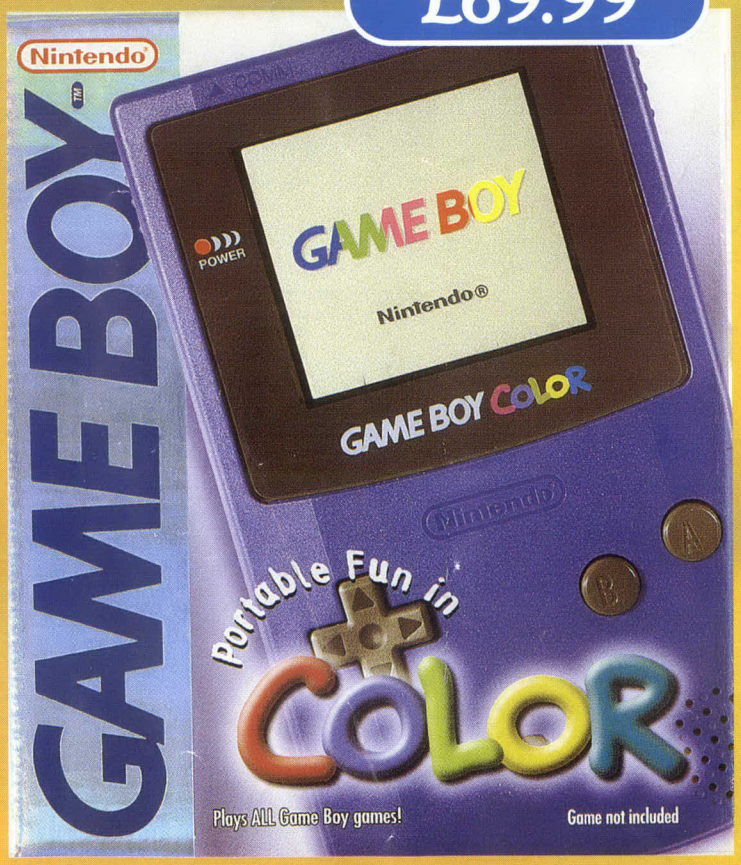

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